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Dear P.S. 39 Families,

Welcome to Occupational Therapy! I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and eager to begin a new year of growing and learning together. I am thrilled to once again be part of the P.S. 39 Family. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with some of you already and look forward to meeting and working with those of you who are new. Back to school planning will look different this year than it has in previous years, as new policies have been put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Over the next few weeks, I will be meeting with your child (in-person or remotely) to informally assess them, speak with their teachers and other service providers and begin implementing their therapy goals by creating treatment sessions that will enable them to succeed not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well. I appreciate your patience during this process.

Children in school may receive occupational therapy to help them gain skills and independence for school-related tasks. Therapy focuses on improving fine motor skills, strength, visual skills, and sensory processing skills. A child's main "occupation" or job is to learn and to play; therefore I use high-interest activities such as games, toys, and arts and crafts to engage them in challenging tasks to keep them as motivated as possible.

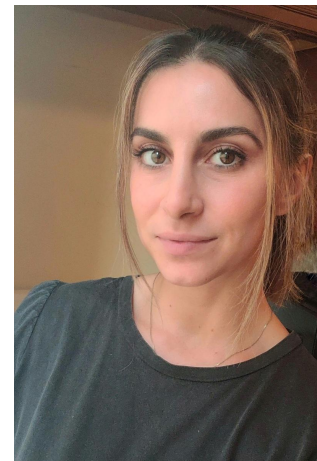
I strongly believe in maintaining communication between home and school. By working as a team, we can help your child achieve their goals. Attached is a questionnaire that I am using as a means to get to know your child better and build upon their strengths. Please feel free to include any other information you feel would be relevant and return it via email to [avasil@ps39.org](mailto:avasil@ps39.org) within the next few days. Thank you in advance for your input and assistance! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me and I will make every effort to get back to you as soon as possible.

Again, I look forward to a great year and working with you to help your child achieve their fullest potential.

Sincerely,

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\* FYI: For those of you who are new to the school, this is what I look like without a mask on- nice to meet you!





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Please answer the following questions and return the questionnaire via email to [avasil@ps39.org](mailto:avasil@ps39.org) as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have:

- Medical diagnosis or condition: \_\_\_\_\_
- Previous surgery (include date): \_\_\_\_\_
- Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_
- Assistive devices (cane, wheelchair, brace, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child take any medications? If so, for what? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any loss of hearing or vision impairments?

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your biggest concern in your child's performance in school?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you hope occupational therapy in the school will help your child with?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) spoken at home: \_\_\_\_\_

In what activities does your child participate outside of school (for example: dance, sports, clubs, etc.)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your child's interests/hobbies (for example, arts and crafts, pet care, swimming, writing, etc.)

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