



School Year 2018-2019
Class Syllabus

Teacher: Mrs. Kaminaris

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Grade Level: Pre-Kindergarten

Subject(s): All

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Goal: To provide young children with a solid foundation in academic, social, and emotional learning; preparing them for success throughout their school experience.

Overview: Welcome to Pre K at Hampstead Hill Academy! We look forward to having you and your child as important members of our Pre K community. In Pre K, your child will learn, grow and develop in many ways. It is our desire to meet all students' academic, social, and emotional needs in an environment that nurtures and encourages joyful learning. Young students' enthusiasm and energy offer great challenges and rewards in the classroom. Please be sure to share any information about your child (food allergies, fears, interests, etc.) that you feel may be helpful.

Classroom Rules: Follow directions the first time; Keep your hands and feet to yourself; Listen when others speak; Use kind words; Walk, don't run.

Supplies: Supplies will be collected and shared throughout the classroom. Students will manage their personal supply box and will be taught to independently replenish sharpened pencils and crayons.

Classroom Donations: Donations are always appreciated! We will let you know throughout the year if any supplies run out and we need more items.

Parent conferences: Parent conferences are very important. Please feel free to schedule a meeting at any time during the year. You can arrange a conference by a note, phone call or email. Working together, we will ensure your child does their very best in Pre-K.

Health: Please give the teacher a list of any specific health concerns such as allergies and asthma. If your child needs to take any medication during school hours, you must speak with the school nurse. All medicine must go to the school nurse.

Extra Clothes: Students will need a set of seasonally appropriate clothes. Clothes must be labeled and neatly stored in a plastic bag. Please include a shirt, pants/skirt, socks/tights and underpants.

Pick up/Drop off: Our school day begins every morning at 8am. It is very important your child be on time to school every day. Teachers will greet students in the morning at our outside facing classroom door. School dismisses at 2:40 pm. Families can pick their children up at the outside facing classroom door. Students will only be released to guardians or adults written on the emergency card/approved pick-up sheet.

Lunch: Students may pack a lunch or receive free lunch in the cafeteria.

Snack: We have a daily snack. It is the parent's responsibility to pack a healthy snack for your child every day. Snacks must be packed in a separate bag and clearly labeled. Healthy snacks are: fruit, cheese sticks, crackers, yogurt, or granola bars. Do not pack sweet treats or foods such as pop tarts, rice crispy treats, doughnuts, pastries and chips. We encourage students to bring water bottles to school daily. Please do not pack sugary drinks such as Kool-Aide, Hugs, soda, or Gatorade. Sugary snacks and drinks will be collected and sent home.

Folders: Folders are sent home every evening and must be returned to school daily. The newsletter includes important dates for field trips, family projects and special events. Families must check the folder every day.

Celebrations: Specific details will be sent home with your child by letter for each holiday event. If you wish to send a small snack item in for your child's birthday please confirm it with your child's teacher first.

Course Overview:

Language and Reading- Direct Instruction Programs "Language for Learning" and "Reading Mastery"

Math- EngageNY

Themes- Core Knowledge

Family Projects: Pre K students do not participate in daily homework but will be assigned monthly family projects. Family projects are fun learning experiences for the whole family. Please take time to support your child's academic growth at home and take time to work on these projects with your child.

Portfolios: Portfolios are collections of a student's finest work. They are a celebration of a child's achievements and a way to witness his or her growth over time. Individual portfolios are maintained for each student and available in the classroom for student, parent, family and teacher review. Portfolio pieces are selected by teachers and students and will be collected throughout the academic year.

Field Trips:

1. Pumpkin Patch
2. National Aquarium
3. The Baltimore Zoo

Hampstead Hill Academy

Pre-Kindergarten

Instructional Units

September

First days of school- school rules and classroom procedures

Number sense- counting numbers 1-5

Sorting objects that are the same

All about me

5 senses

October

The changing seasons- Fall

Family

Continuation of numbers 1-5

Geometry- identifying, describing, sorting, comparing, and creating 2D & 3D shapes

November

Community

Thanksgiving/Harvest

Positions- students will develop vocabulary to describe relative positions of objects

December

Holidays and celebrations

Gingerbread Man- literature study

Continue building number sense with focus on the numbers 0, 6-10

January

Changing seasons- winter

Animals

Creating Sets 0-10

February

Important people in American History

100th day- 100th day family project

Measuring – length, weight, capacity

March

Changing season- Spring

Seeds and plants

Sequencing and comparison of sets 0-5

April

Seeds and plants

Writing numbers 0-5

May

Habitats

Addition and subtraction

June

Physics- sink/float, push/pull, stack/roll/slide

Duplicating and extending patterns

End of year fun!