



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

This plan outlines adjusted timing for arrival/dismissal, designed to help create a positive first experience at school.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - STAGGERED ARRIVAL

Arrival: Line up at 8:45am for ALL kindergarten students

Dismissal: 2:25pm

- Please line up **OUTSIDE** of the black gate on 95th street at **8:45am** and wait to be welcomed into the yard.
- PLEASE NOTE: 1st-5th grade will be lining up at 8:15am. **You should not arrive with other grades** unless you have an older sibling at school. This will help minimize crowding and confusion and ensure a quiet school yard for our kindergarten students.
- Once invited, families will proceed to class/teacher signs in the large yard.
- Families will be invited to stay in the school yard with their child for a brief welcome before saying goodbye and heading into classrooms.
- In the event of rain, we will encourage a quick goodbye, but don't worry, there will be plenty of staff to support the transition of any reluctant students.
- If your child has specific food allergies, we suggest you send your child with a lunch from home until you've had the chance to discuss their specific needs with the teacher. A Medical Administration Form (MAF) must be on file with the nurse in order for the school to administer any medication, including an EpiPen, in an emergency.
- Students will have time for snack, to be provided by families. Given that we may not have all medical information for every student, we kindly request that you send **NUT FREE products until further notice.**
- Dismissal is at 2:25pm in the large yard at class signs.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - REGULAR ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

Arrival: Line up at 8:15am with all other grades

Dismissal: 2:25pm

- Kindergarten children & families will enter the large yard and meet teachers by class signs. Teachers will briefly engage with children and families outdoors to encourage a smooth transition.
- Dismissal is at 2:25pm in the large yard at class signs.
- Please see the notes above regarding lunch and snack.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Teachers will only dismiss children to adults (18 or older) listed on the Blue Emergency Card.
- Please reference the attached resource, *Separation Hints and Positive Transition Suggestions for Young Children*.
- Danielle Santana, our Secretary, is the contact for questions regarding transportation, including busing and MetroCard eligibility. She can be reached by calling the main office (212-289-3702) or email at dsantana10@schools.nyc.gov.

Visit our school website for additional information and updates (www.ps198m.org).