



The Michael J. Petrides School  
September Newsletter  
Elementary School Edition



# WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!

## A MESSAGE FROM MS. PONZI

Happy September! Smiles are contagious throughout the hallways of Petrides. I am already noticing that our students are familiar with school rules and routines and have been working hard in their classrooms. Our readers, writers, and mathematicians need your support. I am very excited for the new school year and am looking forward to a wonderful year with you and your children!

## MEET OUR TEACHERS

### Class 120 - Ms. Tantillo and Ms. Reardon

Hi! I am Joann Tantillo and I teach Class 1-120. I have been a first grade teacher at Michael J. Petrides since 2003. Prior to working here, I worked in Brooklyn. I feel first grade is the most challenging, but rewarding grade because children acquire their love of learning in this grade. I am looking forward to an awesome year with your child!

Welcome to first grade at the Michael J. Petrides School! My name is Ms. Reardon and I look forward to the 2018-2019 school year. First grade has always been a favorite of mine to teach. The best part is just watching how the students grow and make academic gains from September to June. I am looking forward to an awesome year!

### Class 121 - Ms. Moore

Hello! My name is Jennifer Moore and I have been teaching early childhood for 22 years, 18 of them at Petrides! I love teaching children how to read and the excitement of discovering new authors. I am married with 2 young boys and a dog. In my free time I foster beagles and volunteer with an animal rescue. I am looking forward to a wonderful and successful school year!

### Class 122 - Ms. King

Welcome to a new school year! My name is Ms. King. I am new to first grade this year but have taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the last two years. I am so excited to work with this imaginative group! Please feel free to contact me via email at [Cking11@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Cking11@schools.nyc.gov) anytime with questions or concerns.

### Class 332 - Mr. Grammatikopoulos

Hi! I'm Mr. Grammatikopoulos, but you can call me Mr. G. I am a Petrides School Alumnus and have been teaching elementary school students here at Petrides since 2012. I am trained in Orton Gillingham (a multi-sensory reading program) and have a passion for teaching phonics. Most students know me as the teacher who likes to sing and dance in the hallways. I think learning should be fun and I look forward to the 2018-2019 school year!

# LOOKING FORWARD TO WONDERFUL YEAR!