



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

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!

Class 120 - Ms. Reardon

Welcome to first grade at the Michael J. Petrides School! My name is Ms. Reardon and I look forward to the 2019-2020 school year. I have the privilege to work with Ms. Tantillo this 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 120 - Ms. DiMarco

Hi, my name is Jennifer DiMarco. I have been teaching kindergarten since 2008; however, this is my first year teaching at Petrides. I love teaching children how to read and write. It has always been a passion of mine. I am super excited to work at The Petrides School! My favorite author is Mo Willems. I love his use of dialogue and beautiful illustrations. Teaching is not only my career; it is my passion.

Class 120 - Ms. LaGrotta

Hi! My name is Julie LaGrotta. This year at Petrides, I am teaching both dance education and first grade as a special education teacher. I have been a dance teacher since 2010 for students of all ages (two-adult). I am very excited to bring my dance education background to Petrides and share my love of dance with the students! My favorite genre of dance is modern, but I also have a strong background in hip-hop, ballet, tap, and jazz. I am looking forward to wonderful year!

Class 121 - Ms. Moore

Hello! My name is Jennifer Moore and I have been teaching early childhood for 25 years, 20 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. Granieri

Hi! My name is Angela Granieri and I've been teaching at Petrides School for 12 years. I enjoy swimming, fishing and hiking outdoors. The quote I live by is: "Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I remember, Involve me and I learn." --- Benjamin Franklin

Class 122 - Ms. Sims

This is my fifth year teaching as a special education teacher and my fourth year teaching first grade. My favorite author is Eric Carle because I love his artwork. I also love to draw and paint. I have a pet rabbit at home named Red. She is six years old. I am excited to take this journey into first grade with you. It is going to be a great year full of new adventures and discoveries.

Class 332 - Mr. Grammatikopoulos

Hi! I'm Mr. G and I teach 1st and 2nd grade. I enjoy teaching phonics and writing. I love to travel and enjoy physical activities like running, skiing and yoga.

LOOKING FORWARD TO WONDERFUL YEAR!