



The Michael J. Petrides School  
September Newsletter  
Elementary School Edition



# WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

## 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

### 020 - Ms. Mastropasqua

Hello, my name is Jamie Mastropasqua and I have been a part of the Petrides family since 2011. I love working with elementary school students and enjoy watching children learn and grow. My favorite author is Dr. Seuss because his books are colorful, entertaining and educational. I am excited to work closely with your children and I hope to make their learning experience fun.

### Class 021 - Mrs. Kambouris

My name is Mrs. Claudia Kambouris. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Petrides, but my 23<sup>rd</sup> year teaching Kindergarten. I am very excited to start another year here in the Petrides community and love, love, love teaching Kindergarten. We are going to learn to read!! My favorite author is Mo Willems. I especially enjoy his Piggy and Elephant series. I love how he expresses so much personality and feeling through his characters. I enjoy sharing these stories with my students. Teaching your little ones is a privilege, and I look forward to spending this exciting year with your children.

### Class 020/021 - Ms. Walsh

Hi, my name is Katie Walsh I have been a member of the Petrides family since 2010. I am a special education teacher. I am so excited to be working in kindergarten again! I am looking forward to a wonderful year together, filled with learning and fun.

### Class 022 - Mrs. Restrepo

Hi, my name is Mrs. Lois Restrepo. I have been teaching kindergarten since 2004. I have been here at Petrides in Kindergarten since 2006. It is very exciting for me to watch my kindergarten students learn and grow into mature young men and women and graduate as High School students. My favorite color is pink. My favorite author is Eric Carle because he is an awesome artist. I love sharing his books with my students. I am looking forward to an exciting year teaching your children and watching them grow from little buds into beautiful flowers.

### Class 022 - 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.

# LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL YEAR!