



The Michael J. Petrides School
September Newsletter
Elementary School Edition



WELCOME TO PRE-K!

A MESSAGE FROM MS. PONZI

Happy September! Smiles are contagious throughout the hallways of Petrides. I am already noticing that 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 to embark on my new role as your Assistant Principal. I look forward to a wonderful year with you and your children!

MEET OUR TEACHERS

We are excited to have your child in class and look forward to a wonderful year with you and your children. In the month of September, we will be working on school readiness skills. Your child will learn our class routines and build their social and emotional skills. Please continue to work on self-care skills such as bathroom, getting dressed, putting shoes on and off and packing and unpacking their backpacks.

Our monthly newsletters will be updating you about our current learning themes and any important classroom news.

Class 001 - Ms. Premus

Hi! My name is Maria Premus. I am the Pre-K teacher for Class 001. I came to teaching as a second career and I have been teaching at Petrides for about seventeen years. I mostly taught 1st and 2nd grades but when I heard that Petrides was starting a Pre-K program I wanted to be part of it. Knowing the expectations for our children as they reach 1st and 2nd grade, I wanted to be part of a program that not only nurtures who they are but that also provides them with the foundational skills that will help them be successful as they continue in the grades. This will be my fourth year teaching Pre-K and I love working with the children and seeing the amazing growth they make from September to June. It is a joy to be with them and they make my heart happy! On a personal note, I enjoy walking, yoga, scrapbooking and crafting, and I love, love, love to read! I have three grown children, twins Matthew and Jason, and a daughter Katie. I also adopted a rescue dog named Frankie! I look forward to partnering with you to make this year a happy and exciting experience for your child. I thank you for the opportunity to be your child's teacher.

Class 002 - Ms. Luca

Hi! I am Natalie Luca and I am a UPK teacher. I have been teaching UPK for ten years. My passion is teaching early childhood education. As an educator it is wonderful to see children experience school for the first time and watch their incredible growth throughout the year. I believe a strong foundation in early childhood education is important for children to have success in their future education. My goal is not only to help children achieve a strong academic foundation, but for them to love school. Each day I learn from three and four year olds, which impacts my teaching. As an adult, young children remind you to enjoy life, laugh and brighten your day. On a personal note, I am married now for a year and a half. My husband, Devon enjoys visiting our Pre-K students during our Community Helper unit! I enjoy reading on my down time. I am a huge sports fan and I am always routing for the New York Giants and New York Rangers. I am also very active and enjoy Crossfit, Yoga and Zumba. I am looking forward to a great year with you and your children.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL YEAR!

