

## Kindergarten at a glance



### Our Goal in Kindergarten: Spark a passion for learning

Park Slope School 282 works to spark a lifetime of learning in every child. We do this by combining the best evidence-based curriculum with a project-based experiential learning approach. In addition, each day our kids have art, music or science classes that allow them to have fun and start to develop a passion.

An example of project-based learning for math might have each child develop their own visual representation to mark the 100th day of school – a t-shirt with 100 buttons in five groups of twenty or a collage of 100 stickers in groups of 10. For literacy learning, the renowned Teachers College Reading & Writing Project creates lifelong readers. Each child is given a selection of fun books on their level that they choose from for nightly reading. We combine progressive techniques like these with a standards-guided curriculum to ensure they leave each grade with a solid academic foundation for the next.

We have strong community relationships and our economically and racially diverse community leaves kids with lifelong friends and the ability to collaborate with people from all walks of life. Our curious, motivated graduates go on to some of NYC's best upper schools.

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### Class Size

Our average class size for Kindergarten is 20, growing to an average of 23 for 1st-5th grades. Our caring teachers keep social-emotional development on the agenda and use “differentiated instruction” - grouping kids of like ability by subject so that learning is tailored to the individual needs of each child.

### Enrichment / Clusters

Every day children will have one or more of the following with a specialized teacher: Music, Spanish language, Green Zone (learning garden), Technology/Coding, Chess or Rhythmic Movement.

### Lunch, Recess, Gym

Children have fifty minutes for lunch and recess every day outside - weather permitting - with other K classes. Every class has gym each week with activities ranging from sports to dance and yoga. Each class gets an additional full period of Rhythmic Movement an average of once a week.

### After School

282 has several after-school programs for care and enrichment up to 6 p.m. Program offers include Science, Tennis, Coding, French, Spanish, Chess and more. Low- and no-cost programs are available for families on an as-needed basis.

### Typical Day

1. Greeting & Calendar
2. Reading Groups
2. Clusters (e.g. Music)
4. Lunch/Recess
5. Math
6. Science or IIM
7. Social Studies /Writing
8. Centers (Pick your own)