

PRE-K at a glance



Our Goal: Social-Emotional Development

The goal of Park Slope School 282's Pre-K program is to help children develop their social and emotional skills. Our warm and talented teachers work with each student to send them off fully prepared for elementary school.

By the end of the year, we want children to play and work well in groups and independently, know letters and numbers, and follow instructions. They learn through having fun – with projects like planting in our learning garden, creating portraits of themselves and their families, or putting on “Where the Wild Things Are” in the Fall. All of this is great preparation for the more formal learning environment and curriculum of Kindergarten. We approach “bridging” actively and sensitively by bringing together Pre-K and K teachers.

Class Size

Our average class size is 17, with a teacher and an aide in each class. Each classroom has an independent entrance and its own bathroom, and there is a dedicated pre-k playground.

Typical Day

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| 1. Group Meeting | 7. Rest Time |
| 2. Movement/Music | 8. Read Aloud |
| 3. Circle Time | 9. Choice Time/Work |
| 4. Breakfast | 10. Snack |
| 5. Choice Time/Work | 11. Outdoor Play |
| 6. Lunch | |

Meals and Rest Time

Breakfast and lunch are served to children each day in the classroom, or parents can send in their own food.

Physical Activity

PS 282 Pre-K has a dedicated playground they use every day, weather permitting, including on cold days. Children use the gym on other days.

Enrichment Programs

All classes feature arts, crafts, music, and play throughout the day. Pre-K students also take part in the Tiny Scientist program, where they get to explore their world through hands-on experiments and science fun.

Park Slope School 282 seeks to spark a lifetime of learning in every child. We focus on teaching children how to learn, exposing them to fundamental concepts and different engaging experiences, encouraging them to dig in and find support from peers and teachers alike. Our approach makes students who are curious, motivated, resilient and happy.

