

Welcome to Kindergarten 2017-2018 Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy



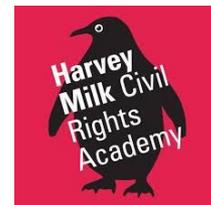
Welcome to Kindergarten at Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy! We look forward to a fun and enriching school year. We hope this packet answers questions and helps to prepare you for a successful first day of school.

Meet Our Kindergarten Team:

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Enclosed you will find...

- Daily procedures & helpful tips
- Classroom assignment policy & general daily schedule
- Volunteer information
- Important Dates to support Kindergarten Readiness!

Important form...

Please fill out the form at the end of this packet, returning it to your child's teacher on the first day of school!



A few things you should know before school starts



Daily Procedures

The school yard is accessed from the gate on Collingwood St. around the back of the school. Please park responsibly. Do not double park or block our neighbors driveways. Contact the office or your teacher if you are running late.



| Drop Off | Pick Up |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drop off your child on the school yard, as classrooms are NOT open at this time• Yard supervision begins at 9:15am. We will meet the children when the bell rings at 9:30am on the yard for Morning Circle• You are welcome and encouraged to join in Morning Circle | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School ends at 3:30pm. Please be prompt!• Kindergarteners are dismissed from the play structure side of the yard. The play structure is NOT open after school. It is reserved for the afterschool program.• If you have older children at HMCRA, please pick up your Kindergartener first |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rainy days: Drop off in the cafeteria | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rainy days: Pick up in the classroom |

Labeling Personal Belongings

With so many young children, things are often misplaced or forgotten. Please mark names and room numbers on ALL coats, sweatshirts, backpacks, lunch boxes.

Reading & Homework

- Reading to and with your child daily is the single most important thing you can do to ensure literacy & success in school. We ask that you read with your child for 15-20 minutes each day.
- Most homework at this age will require some guidance, but please encourage independence in your child to do his/her best!



Creating the best learning environment supports success

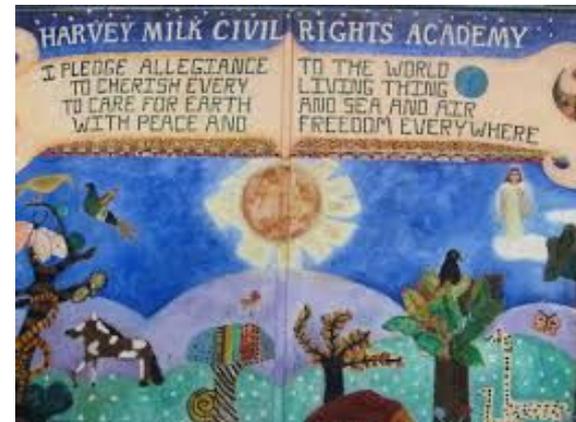


Classroom Assignment Policy

Your child has been temporarily assigned to a Kindergarten homeroom class (111 or 113). During the first two weeks of school, we will get to know your child and the others in our classes. To create balanced classes, we reserve the right to adjust classroom assignments within the first 2 weeks of school. If your child's assigned room will be changed, you will be notified by Principal Machado and we will work to help ensure your child is supported through the transitions. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sample Daily Schedule

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| 9:30 – 10:50 | Instructional Session 1 |
| 10:50 – 11:10 | Morning Recess |
| 11:10 – 11:25 | Fresh Fruit Snack |
| 11:25 – 12:30 | Instructional Session 2 |
| 12:30 – 12:55 | Lunch |
| 12:55 – 1:15 | Lunch Recess |
| 1:15 – 3:15 | Instructional Session 3 |
| 3:15 – 3:30 | Clean up and Dismissal |



You will learn more about specific classroom routines like Centers, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE, Reader's & Writer's Workshop at Back to School Night.

Daily Snack Included: The PFC raises much needed funds for teaching support, reading assistance, enrichment programs, supplies, professional development, and the Farm to Snack Program - Fresh, seasonal, local, organic produce is delivered to school, washed and delivered to each classroom by parent volunteers. In addition, your child's teacher may ask for nut-free snacks to share with the class. More information will follow during the first weeks of school.

Parental Involvement is crucial to success in school



Basic guidelines for being an involved parent:

1. Talk to your child about the importance of school and learning.
2. Read to and with your child.
3. Turn off the TV, video games, iPad, etc.
4. Make sure your child gets enough sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast.
5. Support the homework process.

Ways Parents Can be Involved:

- **Volunteering in the classroom and on field trips** is another important way to support your kindergartener. The more parents we have, the better. Your child's teacher will provide you with information about classroom volunteer opportunities during the first weeks of school. Usually a set time works best for everyone. Classroom volunteers will not begin until the 3rd week of school to allow us to build a classroom community with the students. For field trips, we will send home a permission slip as soon as the dates are set and you can indicate then if you would like to join us.
- **Attend Monthly PFC Meetings** to learn what's happening at the school and the best way to support your child's development. PFC meetings include free dinner & childcare and are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.
- Check out the **many other ways to support** the school by visiting harveymilk.com, and clicking on the Volunteer tab.

Important Forms

The following page contains our **Getting to know your child** form to fill out for your child's teacher. Additional forms to submit during the first week of school include: School lunch application, Year Round Field Trip Form, Allergy Letter receipt form, Emergency Card (if not completed at registration)

Get to know our community before school starts



Get to know the school, teachers, and community before school starts:

- **School Tour:** April 12, 9:40-10:40am, Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy (HMCRA) Office
- **Ice Cream Social:** May 20, 1-3pm, HMCRA School Yard
- **Summer Play Date #1:** June 24, 11am-1pm, Douglass Playground (26th & Douglass)
- **Summer Play Date #2:** July 15, 11-1pm, Mission Playground (Valencia & 19th)
- **Kindergarten Orientation:** Aug 17, 5-6pm, Cafeteria and Rooms 111 & 113
- **Back to School Picnic:** Aug 19, 1-3pm, HMCRA School Yard



Form: Getting to know your child



To help your child have an enjoyable & successful year, please share:

- Your child's name _____
- What your child prefers to be called? _____

Your child's favorite things:

- Color _____
- Books _____
- Toys _____
- Other Favs _____

What your child enjoys:

What else would you like us to know about your child? Goals you have? Areas you are working together on? Ways your child learn things best?
