



After School Explorers

by: Project Playdate



It is our mission to create an after school program that will help shape our children into the next generation of global thinkers and change makers. Not only is it our goal to expose children to a wide variety of new skills, interests, and experiences, but to also enhance their love for learning, instill a passion for trying new things, perpetuate their curiosity and promote their development into well-rounded young leaders.

Spring Schedule



**Pine Street
School**
GREEN IVY SCHOOLS

3:00-3:45PM		3:45-4:30PM	4:30-5:15PM	5:15-6:00PM
MONDAY	Open Play, Snack Time, Craft Time	Visual Arts and Creative Expression	Music and the Performing Arts	Science, Strategy and Technology
		Language and Culture (Mandarin)		
TUESDAY	Open Play, Snack Time, Craft Time	Science, Strategy and Technology	Food and Healthy Habits (Cooking)	Yoga, Movement and Dance
WEDNESDAY	Open Play, Snack Time, Craft Time	Music and the Performing Arts	Yoga, Movement and Dance	Sports and Recreation (Tennis)
		Sports and Recreation (Soccer)		
THURSDAY	Open Play, Snack Time, Craft Time	Visual Arts and Creative Expression	Dance	Science, Strategy and Technology
3:00-4:00PM		4:00-5:00PM	5:00-6:00PM	
FRIDAY	Open Play, Snack Time, Craft Time	Special Workshop	Service Lesson	
		Sports and Recreation (Soccer)		



Class Description

During the first 45 minutes of each afternoon, students will be supervised while eating parent-packed and nut-free snacks. You may also opt for them to receive individualized homework help or academic support in place of Child-Directed Play Time

Child Directed Play Time

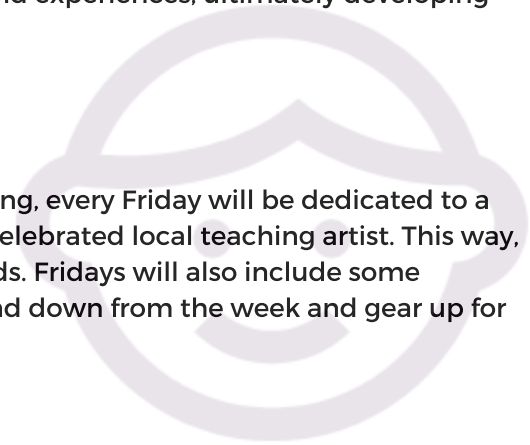
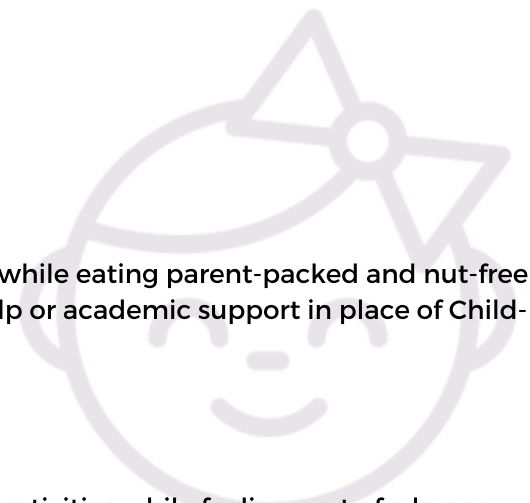
This playful experience encourages them to engage in social and creative activities while feeling part of a larger community and learning to trust themselves in a new surrounding. In a group play setting, children are able to appreciate and respond to peers' feelings, develop healthy verbal and non-verbal communication skills, negotiate roles, collaborate, resolve conflict, self-advocate, and share both objects and experiences, ultimately developing powerful interpersonal skills.

Friday Programming

To maintain the highest standard of explorative and transformative learning, every Friday will be dedicated to a new and enriching educational experience led by our in-house staff or a celebrated local teaching artist. This way, we can sustain a diverse set of fun and educational experiences for our kids. Fridays will also include some downtime - with extra play, story time and movie time so that we can wind down from the week and gear up for the weekend!

Supervised Walk Over Service

The Pine Street School is located in the heart of the Financial District - a booming community of families with children that may attend any one of the other schools local to the area. This innovative after school program is open to all children in the community, with a supervised walk-over service specifically from the Peck Slip School Pre-K Center and Pre-School.



Class Description



Sports and Recreation

During this class, kids will learn the rules and fundamentals of various sports. Skills developed include passing, catching, hitting and kicking (balls of course!), jumping, throwing, etc. While there will be a special focus on tennis and soccer on certain days, over the course of each season, they will also have exposure to other sports like baseball, football, basketball, hockey, and more. This curriculum includes exercise and fitness training, team building activities, an opportunity to explore the basics of each sport, and to gain the skills that prepare them to participate in any physically-focused hobby they choose.



Science Strategy and Technology

This class brings science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), to our kids in a fun and challenging way. Through science experiments, building activities, engineering, strategy games (like chess), coding and much more, this curriculum fosters creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills.



Music and the Performing Arts

This class covers a broad spectrum of the performing arts through music, movement, and imaginative play. From sing-a-longs to instrumental practice, from puppetry to storytelling, from improvisation to theatrical performances, children will sing, play, create, explore and move! This curriculum fosters creativity, self expression and a love for the performing arts. In the process, children will develop their listening skills, teamwork, and concentration while staying active, being silly, and having some fun!



Visual Arts and Creative Expression

This class provides a strong foundation in the visual arts through a practice in drawing, painting and crafting. Children will practice their motor skills and nurture self-expression while exploring a wide variety of materials. We encourage our kids to work together or independently to figure out how to complete each activity without too much adult guidance so that they can practice their problem solving skills. We make sure that all of our projects instill creativity and a love for the arts! Pride: We see, first-hand, the sense of pride they experience once their project is complete. This increased self-esteem contributes to a child's feeling of confidence in the classroom.



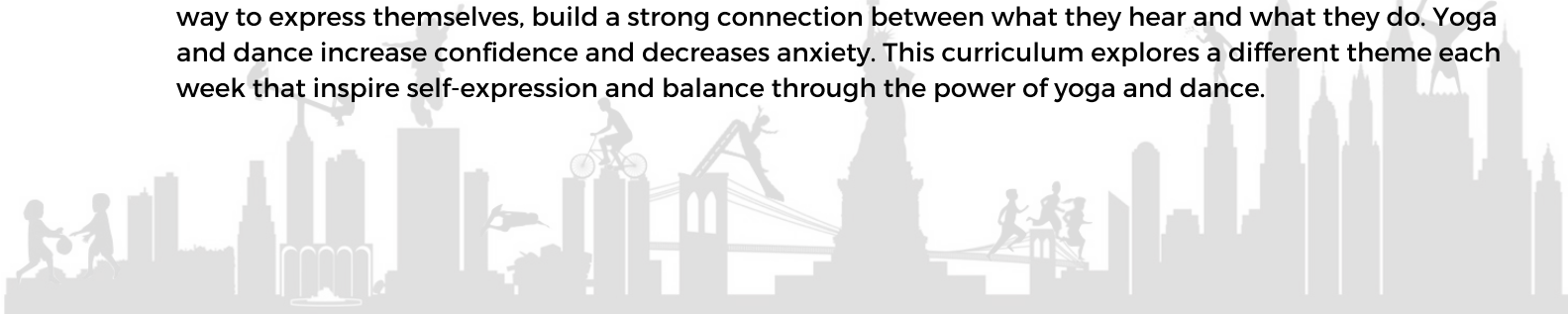
Cooking and Health Class

This cooking and nutrition class introduces kids to basic cooking skills including how to prepare and enjoy healthy foods that are both nutritious and delicious. In addition, students will learn about basic nutrition, making healthy choices, and will even practice select life skills (like mindfulness) that will foster healthy habits and positive well-being.



Yoga, Movement, and Dance Class

On a daily basis, children engage with so many stimulation, distractions and external pressures. Yoga and dance help to create awareness in the body through deep breathing and movement. It gives kids a way to express themselves, build a strong connection between what they hear and what they do. Yoga and dance increase confidence and decreases anxiety. This curriculum explores a different theme each week that inspire self-expression and balance through the power of yoga and dance.



Meet the Staff



Alexandra Moss

Onsite Coordinator, STEM, and Visual Arts and Creative Expression (Monday)

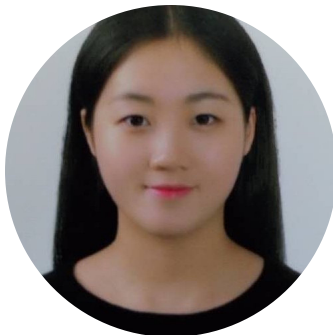
Alexandra has experience with children as young as two weeks and as old as fifteen as well as children with special needs such as autism and cerebral palsy. She has hundreds of hours of early childhood classes and I have trained other adults on courses as well. She has been an after-school caregiver and help with homework and drive kids to dance and karate lessons. There aren't many things that she enjoys more than watching a child's face light up when they've learned or mastered a new skill and I love being a part of the process to get there. She loves children to be cultured and loves watching kids grow to be more and more self-sufficient every day.



Katrina Ong

Yoga, Movement and Dance

Katrina Ong comes from Belleville, New Jersey. She began dancing from a young age and realized how important the arts and awareness of the body is. She was always looking for new ways to be active and at the same time learning new things about the body. In her exploration, she found yoga to compliment her dance career. Yoga has brought a sense of grounding and a new perspective on life. She is so thankful for her mother's support and guidance along the way. She is so excited to be part of Project Playdate.



Luyao Zhang

Language and Culture (Mandarin)

Luyao Zhang, holds a BA in Japanese from Shandong Institute of Business and Technology and has recently finished her master's degree in TESOL at NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. She once transferred to Kyungin Women's College to learn Korean and has experience in teaching Mandarin, Japanese and English to students with different backgrounds and ages as a second language.



Courtney Megaro

Food and Healthy Habits/Friday Workshop

Courtney is an actress and health and wellness entrepreneur. She has almost 10 years of childcare experience. She also has experience as a Summer Counselor, Drama Club Director, and Baton Twirling Coach.



Meet the Staff



Danielle Balog

Visual Arts and Creative Expressions

Danielle has been an early childhood educator for over 7 years with experience teaching in the preschool classroom, as well as teaching specialty art classes for Shine, Citibabes, and River School. Danielle earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications and English from the University of Rhode Island in 2009 and was a student at The Art School at Old Church from 2009 to 2011. In 2014 Danielle began teaching private art classes throughout Manhattan, Brooklyn and Hoboken, and has developed a strong arts curriculum for children ages 2 and up. Danielle spends her free time traveling, creating art, doing yoga, and seeking adventure!



JJ Lindenthal

Sports and Recreation

JJ is 29 years old with over 5 years of coaching experience. Raised in downtown Manhattan, he attended the Browning School and Hunter College graduating class of 2012. He is a multi-sport athlete specializing in tennis. He has recently coached high school basketball in the winters and young tennis players in the summers. Currently studying Finance at Baruch College here in Manhattan. He loves sports, music, reading, fishing, and my dog! He is excited to join Project Playdate as the Sports and Recreation Class Teacher.



Allegra Epstein

Music and Performing Arts

Allegra is a music and drama department head at Camp Wawenock, an all-girls sleep-away camp. I have also conducted drama activities and directed plays with girls from age 8 to 15. She graduated from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts Major in Acting. She has signed a contract with a prestigious talent agency and was also part of a Broadway production titled "The Crucible." Her playdates will include a lot of acting, role-playing, and unlimited experience of fun!



Dara Kramer

Assist

Dara is a native New York and actress who has been working in childcare for over a decade. She has appeared Off-Broadway and has narrated many audiobooks. Dara loves to tell stories, dance, sing, and craft. She also can't get enough of giraffes and the color turquoise.



Pricing



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S.Y. 2017 TO 2018		1 HOUR	2 HOURS	3 HOURS
5 Days Per Week	Non Pine Street School Student (Walk over fee included)	\$950.00	\$2,300.00	\$3,100.00
4 Days Per Week	Non Pine Street School Student (Walk over fee included)	custom price*	custom price*	\$2,650.00
3 Days Per Week	Non Pine Street School Student (Walk over fee included)	custom price*	custom price*	\$2,100.00
2 Days Per Week	Non Pine Street School Student (Walk over fee included)	custom price*	custom price*	\$1,450.00
1 Day Per Week	Non Pine Street School Student	custom price*	custom price*	\$700.00

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