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# KINDERGARTEN ADMISSIONS TOUR 2018-2019

Mark Berkowitz, Principal

Kate Zelles, Kindergarten Teacher and Grade Leader

Barbara Rossi, Assistant Principal, K-5

Sarah Liogys, Guidance Counselor, K-5





Kim Roberts, PTA President, Lower Grades



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**MARK BERKOWITZ – PRINCIPAL**

# NEST+m Mission

-  Inclusivity
-  Intellectualism
-  Collaboration
-  Exploration



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# KATE ZELLES – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

A day in the life of a kindergartener at NEST+m



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# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A KINDERGARTENER AT NEST+m

- Morning Meeting
- Writer's Workshop
- Math
- Snack
- Reader's Workshop
- Study Work
- Lunch and Recess
- PATHS
- Parent Reading
- Choice Time
- Specials: Art, P.E., Science, Music, Chess

# School Day

- ✳ 7:30 am - Kids may enter building for Breakfast
  - ✳ 7:30 - 8:10 am - Breakfast is served
  - ✳ 8:20 am - School starts
  - ✳ 2:40 pm – School ends
- ✳ After school activities are available through After3 for K-5 and SONYC for 6-8.

# Morning Meeting

- ✧ Greeting
- ✧ Share
- ✧ Calendar
- ✧ Movement Break
- ✧ Handwriting





# Writer's Workshop



Teacher's College Writing Program,  
Units of Study:

- Personal Narratives
- How- To Books
- Opinion/Persuasive Writing
- Non-fiction Reports

# Study Work

- ✱ All About Me
- ✱ Fairytales
- ✱ Animals
- ✱ Plants and Trees



# Math

- ✱ Singapore Math Book 1A
- ✱ Application Problem
  - Word Problems to learn problem solving strategies
- ✱ Fluency
  - Working with numbers
  - Working with numbers quickly
- ✱ Sprints
- ✱ Independent Practice
- ✱ Math Games
- ✱ Debrief




# Reading

- ✱ Teacher's College Reading Curriculum
- ✱ Teacher's College Phonics Curriculum
- ✱ Parent Reading
- ✱ Shared Reading
- ✱ Buddy Reading
- ✱ Independent Reading
- ✱ Library Visits
- ✱ Read Aloud



# Choice Time

 Free play time at end of day to promote socialization and creativity

 Centers include:

- Magnatiles
- Blocks
- Art
- Legos
- Puzzles
- Games
- Dramatic Play

# Field Trips

 Zoo Field Trips

 Theatre Trips

 In School Visits



# PATHS- Social Emotional Curriculum

## ✧ Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies

- Identifying emotions
- Problem Solving
- Conflict Resolution
- Managing emotions

## ✧ PATHS kid of the day





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**BARBARA ROSSI –  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

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🔬 Our hardworking and compassionate teachers



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# What makes NEST+m special?



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🌌 Our unique K-12 campus



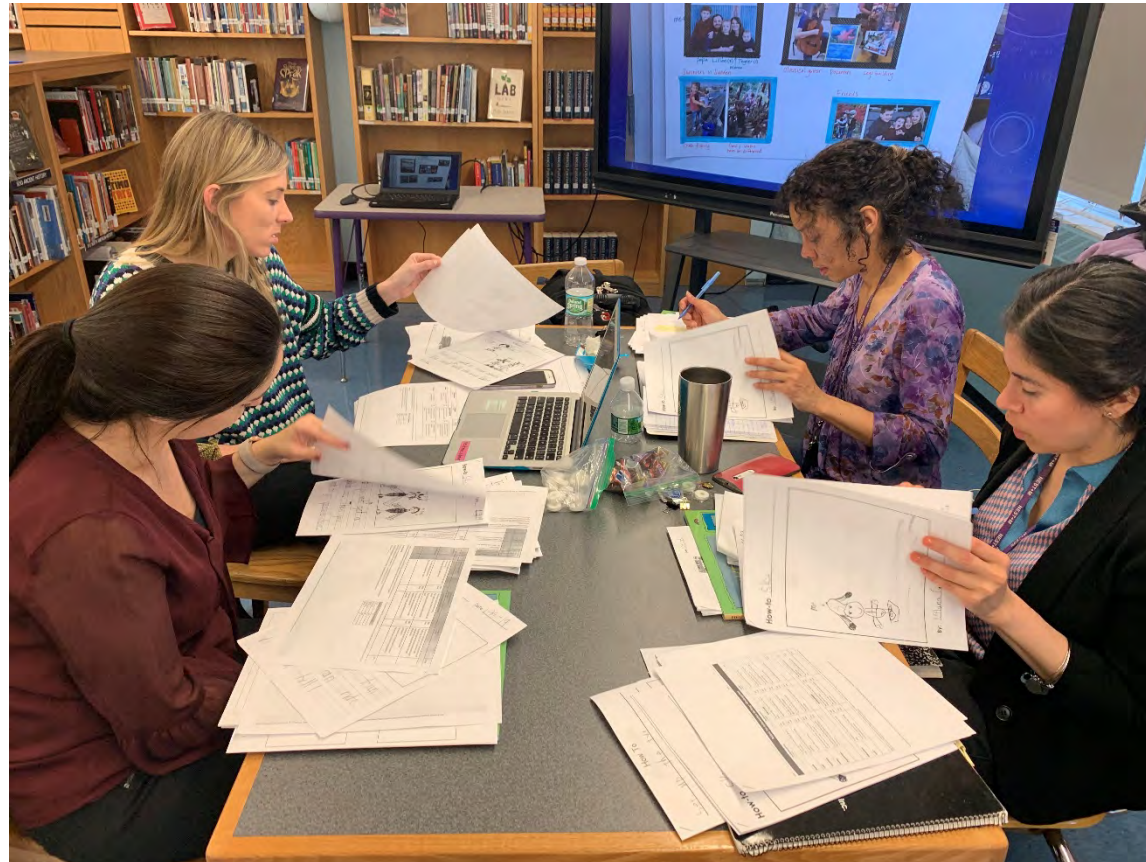
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# K-5 Curriculum






- ✱ Teacher's College Reading and Writing Partnership
- ✱ Singapore Math
- ✱ Field Trips
- ✱ Family Fridays



# Book of the Month



# Specials

-  Art
-  Music
-  Science (K-4)
-  Physical Education
-  Chess (K-2)



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# APPLYING TO NEST+m FOR GRADES K-3

Welcome to NEST+m and thank you for your interest in applying to our school. Placement into Grades K – 3 at NEST+m is handled, in full, through the NYC Department of Education's Office of Gifted and Talented Enrollment.

# Test Scores

- ✱ Seats historically offered to applicants with an overall G&T percentile rank of 99%, with an exception for siblings of current NEST+m students
- ✱ Children who scored at or above the 97th percentile are eligible to apply to NEST+m

# Seat Availability Fall 2019 - Kindergarten

- ✳ We have 100 Kindergarten seats open for Fall 2019 placement
- ✳ 25 of these seats this year will be taken by qualifying siblings

# Seat Availability Fall 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- ✱ We expect to have at least 16 seats in total for 1st grade
- ✱ These seats are first taken by qualifying siblings
- ✱ In a typical year anywhere from 3 – 8 seats are taken by siblings.

# Seat Availability Fall 2019 - Grades 2 and 3

- ✱ Admission into 2nd & 3rd grades is based upon student attrition.
- ✱ Typically anywhere from 0 – 5 seats become available in grades 2 and 3.
- ✱ These seats are first taken by qualifying siblings
- ✱ Please be aware that student attrition generally occurs during the summer months, therefore we will not know how many seats are available until mid-September.
- ✱ The DOE places students into our open seats through October 31st.



# Seat Availability Fall 2019 - Waitlist Offers

- ✱ In some cases, NEST+m may have seats that become available after offer letters are sent to families in June.
- ✱ Offers from the waitlist are made based on the same admissions priorities as the initial offer (sibling priority, overall G&T score).
- ✱ NEST+m will contact waitlisted families directly if we are able to offer them a seat.

# Seat Availability Fall 2019 - Waitlist Offers

- ✱ NO additional action is required to be added to the waitlist.
- ✱ Additionally, the waitlist is maintained by the DOE and NEST+m makes offers based off of the list provided to us by the DOE.
- ✱ We must offer waitlist seats in the order they are given to us.
- ✱ Personal letters of recommendation and phone calls to NEST+m will not change your spot on the waitlist.
- ✱ In the past NEST+m has offered approximately 15 seats off of the waitlist for Kindergarten, and 5 each for grades 1, 2, & 3.
- ✱ Waitlist seats for grades 1, 2 & 3 are typically offered from September 2019 – October 31, 2019.

# Applying to, and receiving an offer from, NEST+m

- ✱ You should rank schools of interest in order of preference.
- ✱ NEST+m is a citywide G&T program and accepts students from all boroughs without preference for their district of residence.
- ✱ Offer letters are sent to families in early June 2019. If your child is offered a seat at NEST+m, you will have to bring your child with you to register in person during the month of June. There will also be an orientation for new students and their families in June (Date TBD).
- ✱ Offers are made regardless of whether a student has a disability or is an English Language Learner.
- ✱ There is no guarantee that a student will receive an offer to NEST+m or to any G&T program.
- ✱ The number of eligible students typically exceeds the number of seats available.

How many students receive offers to G&T programs?

# Sibling Scoring

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## Siblings

- Overall G&T Score of 99
- Overall G&T Score of 98
- Overall G&T Score of 97

2

## Non-Siblings

- Overall G&T Score of 99
- Overall G&T Score of 98
- Overall G&T Score of 97

Siblings who obtain an overall G&T score of 97 or above are placed first according to their overall G&T score. After all eligible siblings are placed, non-sibling applicants are placed by overall G&T score. The figure below is an overview of how students are placed in Citywide G&T programs.

In any case where there are multiple students with the same priority and score, offers are randomly assigned.



# Open House Norms

- ✱ Please stay with your tour group for the entire tour.
- ✱ Please refrain from taking photos and videos in our school so as not to distract from the learning environment.

# Important Web Sites



## NEST+m

- Nestmk12.net



## PTA

- nestmpta.org
- Private buses: <http://www.nestmpta.org/private-bus-service.html>



## After3

- after3nyc.org: <http://www.after3nyc.org/>



## Gifted and Talented Overview

- <http://schools.nyc.gov/ChoicesEnrollment/Elementary/kindergarten.html>



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**KIM ROBERTS—  
PTA PRESIDENT,  
LOWER GRADES**



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**Thank you for visiting, we hope  
you enjoy the tour!**