



Dear Kindergarten Parents:

Hello and welcome to The City School Fairmount campus for the coming 2021-2022 school year! My name is **Miss Matinas** and I am beyond excited to be your child's teacher for this year. I have been working with children for as long as I can remember, with this being my second year at The City School. I earned my Bachelors in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Special Education from Temple University. I am looking forward to a rewarding school year unlike any other! I hope you and your family found little sparks of joy this summer and that you are ready to embark on an important milestone in your child's life.

Kindergarten is a year of growing socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. Take a moment to imagine the kindergarten world: letters, numbers, stories, sharing, reading, playing, creating and making new friends. Imagination and creativity are everywhere! As you talk with your child about their day and celebrate their best effort on the work they do, remember that Kindergarten is a "child's garden." Many times, the process is more important than the product, and learning is accomplished by *doing* and *experiencing*. At this early stage of learning, it is also important to set routines in your child's life. Try to set aside time each day to discuss what your child did in school.

We have high expectations for all of our students and hope that you will encourage your child at home by participating as much as possible in your child's education. We highly encourage parental involvement, since we believe it's the key to your child's success and to a great parent teacher relationship. We will keep you informed on what is happening in our classroom and your child's success by utilizing weekly newsletters, frequent communication via phone and/or email, and conference. *(A note on safety: We will be doing our due diligence in the classroom to make sure it is a safe learning environment. We request that you partner with us at home by communicating with your child the importance of mask wearing, distancing, and safety precautions. We are in this together!)*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at omatinas@cityschool.org. My work phone is 215-769-5363. We look forward to meeting you and we are delighted to be working with your child this school year. Let the adventure begin!!!

Blessings,

Miss Matinas