



Welcome to Full Day Pre-Kindergarten 2024- 2025!

Welcome to Phoebe Hearst Elementary School! Our names are Mrs. Aguilera, the general education teacher and Ms. Espinosa, the special education teacher and we will be teaching your child for the 2024-2025 school year! We're looking forward to having an amazing school year! ☺

Below we are listing **! important !** items that must be followed in order to ensure a successful and smooth school year for everyone:

- The school day hours are: 8:45 AM-3:45 PM.
- Our drop off and pick up door location will be at Door #1/Main Entrance.
- If your child arrives at 8:52 AM they are considered tardy and must receive a tardy slip from the front desk. Tardies are noted on your child's attendance record.
- If your child will be absent you must call the main office to notify of the absence and a note must be provided the following day with a reason for absence.
- It is important that your child attends school every day. Students who have attendance of lower than 80% will not be allowed to go on field trips or participate in special attendance events. Valid excuses for absence are sickness (with fever, rash, vomit and/or diarrhea), death in the immediate family, religious practices or family emergency. Hearst values excellent attendance and children with perfect attendance will be allowed to participate in special school events.
- If your child is feeling ill with the following: cold, cough, vomiting, diarrhea, ear pain, toothache, fever, body pains, etc, please keep them home! We strive for your child to learn comfortably and prevent others from becoming sick.
- Breakfast in the classroom begins at 8:45AM and ends at 9:10AM.
- Each child receives breakfast, lunch, and a snack. A home lunch is not necessary but if you do send a lunch, **PLEASE DO NOT SEND chips, cookies, anything that has nuts or is sugary.** WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE a healthy lunch.
- Children should be wearing gym shoes with **velcro straps or slip-on shoes.** Shoes with laces can become distracting during carpet time. Please support us in this matter.
- Children receive quiet time during the middle of the school day. Your child may bring a small blanket to use for this time of the day. Blankets will be sent home every two weeks in order for them to be washed at home. **Please do not send any stuffed animals or any other items from home** that can become lost or be a

distraction during the school day.

- Students must wear the school uniform. The uniform is navy blue pants and a navy blue shirt.
- Children have accidents whether it be a bathroom accident or a food or drink spill. **We ask you to please add an extra pair of pants, underwear, socks, and shirts in your child's backpack in a labeled ziplock bag.**
- At home, there should be a supply box with crayons, pencils, glue, and scissors for your child's homework activities.
- During the school year, field trips and classroom events will take place. In order to attend such events please go to cpsvolunteers.org to sign up as a level II parent volunteer. Please ask us if you need help with the application process.
- Through the school year, we will be communicating via the Remind app, please download this app on your phone and use our class code: **@hearst114** 
- You may also contact us via email. Mrs. Aguilera: magutierrez24@cps.edu Ms. Espinosa: aespinosa30@cps.edu
- Please sign and return the slip below saying you have received and read this welcome letter!

We thank you for your cooperation! ☺

Please return this portion to the teachers at your earliest convenience.

I have read and understood the items listed on the welcome letter.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Meet the TEACHER

Hi there! My name is

Mrs. Maria

Contact Me:

Via Remind app: @hearst114

E-mail: magutierrez24@cps.edu

Hi! I'm Mrs. Maria Aguilera and I am the Gen Ed Teacher for Pre-K Blended Full Day. I have been teaching Pre-K for 10 years with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I have my two sons and my husband and our puppy, Blue! I am so excited to get to know everyone!

My Favorites:

Color: Blue

Foods: Pizza & Sushi

Season: Fall & Winter

Drink: Coffee

Teams: Chicago Cubs & Bulls

TV show: Abbott Elementary

Animal: Dogs

Hobbies: Reading books, Playing video games, Eating different foods



Meet the

TEACHER



Hi there! My name is

Ms. Espinosa

Contact Me:



Via Remind app: @hearst114

E-mail: aespinosa30@cps.edu

Greetings families! I am so excited to meet you! I am the full day pre-k special education teacher at Hearst.

Here's a little about me:

I am entering my 5th year as a teacher in CPS.

I have a background in early childhood education, bilingual and English as a second language education, and special education.

My Favorites:

Color: Pink and Neutral colors

Foods: Pizza, Wings, Pozole Verde

Season: Summer

Drink: Iced Coffee

Teams: Chicago Bulls and White Sox

TV show: Friends

Animal: Puppy

Hobbies: Exercise, shopping for home decor, trying new coffee shops

