

Dear Families,



Welcome, to a year of magical wonder and amazing growth for your litter stars to shine brightly in our classroom. I am looking forward to working with you and your child as we teach them to reach for the stars.

I believe communication is key to your child's success and to a strong parent/teacher relationship. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will also do my part by sending home an orange weekly communication folder that will go out at the end of each week. All memos and home to school connections will travel through this folder. When returning the folder feel free to include a note for me.

I am looking forward to our preschool adventure with your child, and family.

To Many Bright Days Ahead,
Mrs. Crawford
Preschool 2



Welcome Parents!

Welcome Parents,

My name is Melissa Walters, and I am the new preschool teacher at JFK Helping Hands Learning Academy. This will be my first-year teaching in the Rahway school district. I have been teaching preschool for over 17 years. I have a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Bloomfield College.

I look forward working with you and getting to know your child and helping them succeed in their education.

My goal is to provide a safe learning environment for all the children. We will be using Creative Curriculum as our learning tool for our upcoming school year. I will also help them to become more independent and self-sufficient. In addition, our focus will be social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development skills.

We will have a wonderful and enthusiastic learning experience this upcoming school year.



Ms. Walters



Helping Hands Learning Academy

School Supplies List

2021-2022

- 2 Change of clothes
 - Bookbag
- Fitted sheet & Blanket
(a crib sheet fits on the cots)
- Disinfectant Wipes
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Box of Tissue
 - Wipes
- Pullups (if needed)

Rahway Public Schools 2021 - 2022

Adopted: April 27, 2021

Sept. 1-2 = Teachers In
 Sept. 2 = Preschool/Kindergarten Orientation
 Sept. 2 = New RHS student orientation
 Sept. 3 = No School

September 21

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Emergency School Closings:

Three (3) days are set aside for closings due to inclement weather. If one day is used, school will be open May 26; if two days are used, school will be open May 26 and May 27; if three days are used, school will be open May 26, 27, and May 31. If more than 3 school days are cancelled, school will be open on the following dates, in this order: April 22, April 21, April 20, April 19, April 18.

Sept. 6 = No School - Labor Day
 Sept. 7 = No School - Rosh Hashanah
 Sept. 8 = First Day of School for Students
 Sept. 16 = No School - Yom Kippur
 Nov. 2 = No School - Staff Development
 Nov. 4-5 = No School - NJEA Conv.
 Nov. 17 = P/T Confs. Early Dismissal PreK-8 only
 Nov. 18 = P/T Confs. Early Dismissal PreK-8 only
 Nov. 19 = P/T Confs. Early Dismissal PreK-6 only
 Nov. 24 = Early Dismissal - All Grades
 Nov. 25-26 = No School - Thanksgiving Recess
 Dec. 23 - Early Dismissal - All Grades
 Dec. 24 - Dec. 31 = No School - Winter Recess
 Jan. 17 = No School - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
 Feb. 7 = No School - Staff Development
 Feb. 10 = P/T Conf. HS Only - Early Dismissal Grades 9-12
 Feb. 21 = No School - Presidents' Day
 March 14 = No School - Staff Development
 April 15 = No School - Good Friday
 April 18-22 = No School - Spring Recess
 May 26 = TENTATIVE unused inclement weather day
 May 27 = TENTATIVE unused inclement weather day
 May 30 = No School - Memorial Day
 May 31 = TENTATIVE unused inclement weather day
 June 20-22 = Early Dismissal All Grades
 June 22 = 180th Student Contact Day

Student Contact Days:
 September: 16 February: 18
 October: 21 March: 22
 November: 17 April: 15
 December: 17 May: 18
 January: 20 June: 16

Back to School Nights:
 Sept. 20 - Roosevelt
 Sept. 23 - Grover Cleveland
 Sept. 23 - Franklin
 Sept. 23 - Madison
 Sept. 27 - Academy & St. Thomas PreK
 Sept. 30 - Alternative Center
 Oct. 7 - High School



We would like to Welcome New Parents to the Helping Hands Family!

Executive Director – Aneesha Ghaly

- Welcome and Introduction
- General School Information
- Kiss and Drop / After care
- Pick-Up
- Visiting the School
- Childcare Food Program

Assistant Director - Alya Mickens

- Room Assignments / Teachers
- First Day of School – What to expect
- Curriculum
- School Supplies
- Rahway Family Success Center

School Health - School Nurse – Taneka Lewis (732) 382-9311 x311

- Mask
- Covid / Illness Closure
- Dress / Attire
- Absence / Tardiness
- Medication
- Food Allergies and Restrictions
- Illness and School Closure Protocol

Communication

- Rahway Public School Calendar
- Class Communication- ProCare / Class Dojo
- Main Office – info@rahwaycao.org