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,

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)

Sept. 2 = Preschool/Kindergarten Orientation

Sept. 1-2 = Teachers In

Sept. 2 = New RHS student orientation

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Sept. 8 = First Day of School for Students

Sept. 7 = No School - Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 6 = No School - Labor Day

Sept. 3 = No School

Nov. 2 = No School - Staff Development

Nov. 4-5 = No School - NJEA Conv.

Sept. 16 = No School - Yom Kippur

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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

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Nov. 25-26 = No School - Thanksgiving Recess

Dec. 23 - Early Dismissal - All Grades

Nov. 24 = Early Dismissal - All Grades

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Feb. 7 = No School - Staff Development

Dec. 24 - Dec. 31 = No School - Winter Recess

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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 in its of incloment weather day	May 20 - No Crhool Momorial Day	Iviay 50 - Ivo Scridol - Ivierriorial Day	May 31 = TENTATIVE unused inclement weather day
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Student Contact Days:	Days:	Back to School
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November: 17	April: 15	Sept. 23 - Frank
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June 20-22 = Early Dismissal All Grades

June 22 = 180th Student Contact Day

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

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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 <u>info@rahwaycao.org</u>