

Welcome to Tiegerman Preschool at Far Rockaway!

Zoom Orientation for New Families
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A Look into our School!

- 10 classrooms
- **Class Sizes:** 8:1:2, 12:1:2, 20:2:2 (Integrated)
- **2025-2026 Enrollment:** 104 students
- **Student Ages:** 2.5-5 years old
- **Therapies Offered:** Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Counseling
- Language-focused, child-centered, transdisciplinary approach, *about the process and not the product*
- **12 month program (for students in self-contained classes; NOT for Integrated, Daycare or UPK)**



Social Worker

Alegra Schoenbrot
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- Our school social worker is **Alegra Schoenbrot**
 - The school social worker should be your direct line of communication if you need to speak to someone during the school day
 - The social worker schedules team meetings between parents and providers, organizes/runs transdisciplinary meetings and follow-ups with parents regarding school matters
 - The social worker provides counseling services to students who receive this service on their IEP

Related Services

- We have two speech therapy rooms, one OT room and one OT/PT therapy gym in the building
- Therapy is IEP-driven (i.e., providers must follow the frequency/group mandate and goals written on each child's IEP)
- Your child's therapists will introduce themselves via a welcome letter at the beginning of the summer and regular school year, and will share their direct contact information
- Therapists will reach out at least one time per week (i.e., phone call, Class Dojo message, e-mail, written note, student work)

Therapy Supervisors

Each department has a supervisor. Please use them as a resource.

Shira Gelfand, SLP Supervisor

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Rochelle Adler, OT Supervisor

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PT Supervisor: TBD



Behavior Team

- We have one Behavior Specialist and two Registered Behavior Technicians on staff
- They support all students in the program (i.e., conduct student observations, advise school staff, take data, create FBAs and BIPs)

Alexandra Eidlisz

Behavior Specialist

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Isaac Friedman & Sharaia Felder

RBTs

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Classroom Instruction

- **Curriculums/Resources Used for Instruction:** Creative Curriculum, Language-Focused Curriculum, NYS Pre-Kindergarten Learning Standards, NYS Early Learning Guidelines

 - Child-centered & language-focused
 - Whole group, small group & individualized instruction
 - Our goal is to get students ready for Kindergarten!
- Monthly thematic units
- Hands-on learning experiences
- Promethean boards are used for educational purposes
- Visual classroom schedule (30-minute instructional blocks), timers, visual aids
- Sensory supports
- Centers are set-up in all classrooms
- Students are exposed to ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies and Writing concepts

Health Office

- All students are required to have an annual NYC Medical/Physical Form on file (i.e., signed, completed in its entirety, stamped)
- All students are required to have the flu shot annually by December 31st and provide documentation to the school (i.e., DOH requirement)
- The school cannot give your child any medicine or ointment (i.e., sunscreen, Vaseline) without an authorization form filled out/signed by you and your child's doctor
 - Authorized medicine is stored in the Health Office (it must be in its original packaging and have its description label)
- If a student becomes ill, they cannot return to school unless they are 24 hour fever-free (without fever-reducing medication); a clearance note is required if the child has COVID, the flu or strep (or any other contagious illness) / Notifications are sent out to the whole class when a child tests positive for a contagious illness
- All parents must have a plan in place in case their child gets sick at school and needs to be picked up (i.e., Emergency Phone List)

Health Office (Continued)

- Tiegerman has a nurse supervisor and a physician on call every day (if needed)
- We have a school nurse in the building 5 days per week (Health Office is on 1st floor)

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- If your child is seen in the Health Office for an injury or well visit, you will be notified via a written note or a phone call
- A Medical Alert List is posted in every room of the school indicating student allergies or medical concerns
- We need a new OT/PT prescription on file every year!

Attendance

- Attendance is key! If children do not come to school, progress is limited.
- Inconsistent attendance leads to negative student outcomes (i.e., difficulties with transitions, new behaviors, emotional irregularities).
- If your child is going to be absent from school, please notify the school nurse (x1400) or front desk (x1455) by 8 am that day. If we do not hear from you, we will call you that morning to follow-up.
- We encourage absence excuse notes if your child is out due to an appointment.
- Attendance numbers are shared with school districts.
- If a child is out for 5 consecutive school days, an RDNA form or written note is sent to his/her CPSE administrator.

Parent Communication

- Class Dojo, an app that you can download on your phone, is used by every provider in the school
 - School notices and reminders are posted by Administration and support staff
 - The classroom teacher will post pictures, along with lesson descriptions (you can like or comment!)
 - You can direct message teachers, therapists, Administration and support staff
- 5 quarterly progress reports per year
- 2 formal parent/teacher conferences per year
- 1 annual review meeting with your CPSE (narrative reports and formal testing from every provider)
- Monthly parent trainings are conducted on Zoom (i.e., presentations are recorded and posted on our school website; resources are e-mailed and posted on Class Dojo)
- Monthly PTFA Meetings
- Open School Night

What to Send to School

- **Put a name tag on your child (for the first few days of school)**

- Backpack
- Lunch box (i.e., 2 healthy snacks, 1 healthy lunch)
 - We do not warm up food. Please feel free to utilize a thermos.
 - This does NOT apply to UPK! UPK students are served breakfast and lunch daily (you can send in snacks).
 - Stay tuned for information about Pizza Fridays
- Folder or communication notebooks (not required; up to you)
- Pull-ups if your child is not potty-trained (they will be stored in your child's classroom cubby; please do not send in diapers)
- Baby wipes (they will be stored in your child's classroom cubby)
- Extra change of clothes (they will be stored in your child's classroom cubby)
 - Please label ALL clothing with your child's name!

Arrival & Dismissal (Busing)

- If you have any questions about busing, please contact Dansheena Singletary
 - dsingletary@tiegerman.org
 - x1455
- Busing is arranged through your school district. It usually takes two weeks for it to begin (after the district puts in the official request)
- If your child usually takes the bus and you want to pick him/her up, please notify the school that morning!

Arrival & Dismissal (Parent Pick-Up)

- If you are dropping off or picking up your child, you will be required to sign them in/out.
 - We will only release a child to someone listed on their Emergency Phone List. Photo identification will be requested.
 - If you would like an individual who is NOT on your Emergency Phone List to pick up your child, we will ask you to place the request in writing and will ask the individual for photo identification upon pick up. The Emergency Phone List can be updated at any time.
 - Please be on time! This will avoid your child's routine from becoming disrupted.
 - Please do not park in our school lot during arrival and dismissal times. Please park in Darchei's lot and walk your child over to the school (and sign them in/out).

Miscellaneous

- **School Hours:** 8:30 am – 2 pm
 - Please be on time!

- There is no rest time.
- 5 hours of instruction, 30-minute non-instructional lunch
- We are a nut free school!
- Parents are welcome to come in for birthday parties. Anything that we give out to students (in school) must be Kosher. Please contact Esther Price for birthday party questions.
- **First Day of the Summer Program:** Monday, July 6, 2026
- HIPPA Regulations (we cannot speak to an outside therapist or doctor unless you sign a Release of Information Form)

Questions?
Comments?
Concerns?

Thank you for joining today!