



LET'S GET
READY!

Transition to Kindergarten Orientation

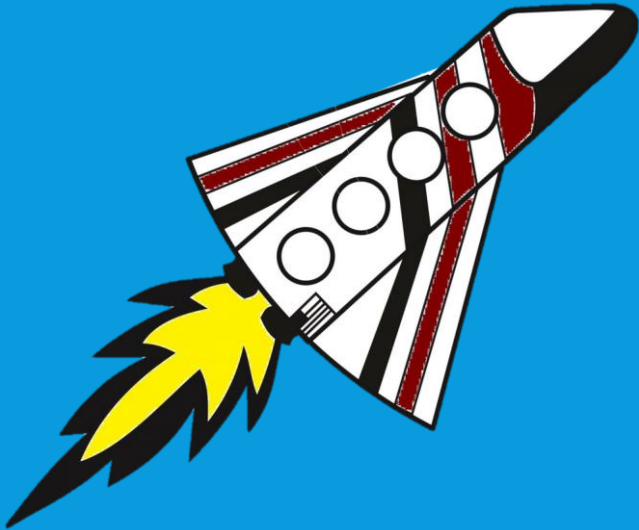


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MEET OUR STAFF



Administration

Jesus Gonzalez, Principal

Lorena Somohano, Assistant Principal

Kindergarten Teachers

Jennifer Bilton

Ana Romero-Diaz

Lissette Martinez

Jessie Pardo

Silvia Rivero

Leticia Vicenty



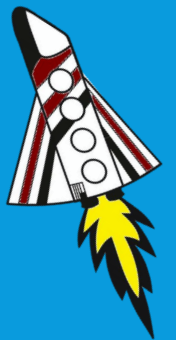
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MISSION STATEMENT

Dr. Gilbert L. Porter Elementary School envisions **every child** to be a **lifelong learner** who is a responsible, productive, and caring citizen. It is our mission to create an environment that focuses on the child's strengths, to motivate parents, teachers, administrators, and non-instructional personnel to believe that in "The School of Discovery" ALL children are allowed to explore the depths of their potential; and to create an environment for learning where every child succeeds.





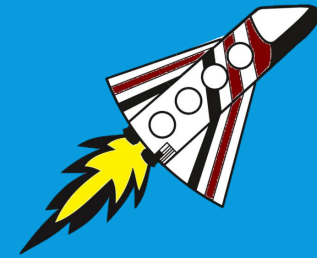
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Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten are housed at the Primary Learning Center (PLC), which is adjacent to the main campus, where students in grades 1-5 are housed. We offer the following academic programs:

- EFL (Extended Foreign Language)
- Gifted with an emphasis in content areas
- ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Program
- Bilingual After-School Tutoring Program for ELL students
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Visual Arts, and Mathematics) school- Gold Status



KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM



- Reading: McGraw Hill Reading Wonders
- Mathematics: Florida's B.E.S.T. Standards for Math, Big Ideas Learning
- Social Studies: McGraw Hill Education Florida Social Studies
- Science: Pearson Elevate Science



KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENTS



- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)
- Reading, Math, and Science - District required Assessments
- Reading and Math i-Ready Diagnostic Tests (Baseline, Mid-year, End of Year)
- Reading Unit Tests
- Math Chapter Tests



KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE



SUBJECT	MINUTES
READING/LANGUAGE ARTS	90 MINUTES DAILY
MATH	50 MINUTES DAILY
SCIENCE	30 MINUTES (3X A WEEK)
SOCIAL STUDIES	30 MINUTES (2X A WEEK)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	30 MINUTES DAILY
SPANISH (ESOL ONLY)	30 MINUTES (DAILY BI WEEKLY)
ENGLISH FOREIGN LANGUAGE (EFL)	60 MINUTES DAILY

STUDENT SAFETY



There will be monthly drills for safety!

- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Bomb Threat
- ✓ Active Assailant
- ✓ Hostage

SAFETY



- M-DCPS is dedicated to the safety of your child.
- Security is required at all schools.
- Number of security personnel depends on enrollment and size of school.



HOMework

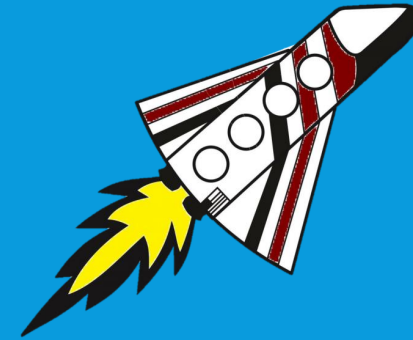


Homework Expectations

Grades K-1: approximately thirty (30) minutes daily.

Make-Up Work

Students who miss school work because of an excused absence shall be given the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided. As determined by the teacher, the assignments and tests shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the assignments and tests missed during the absence. Students shall receive full credit for work satisfactorily completed within three (3) school days upon the return to school. After successful completion of all make-up assignments, the student cannot be penalized for that absence. Please note that parent/guardian must request make-up assignments. Failure to makeup all assignments will result in lower assessment of the student's academic and/or effort grade.





GRADING

Kindergarten Grades	Numerical Value	Verbal Interpretation	Grade Point Value
E	100 – 90 %	Excellent	4
G	89 – 80 %	Good	3
S	79– 70 %	Satisfactory	2
M	69 – 60 %	Minimal Progress	1
U	59 – 0 %	Unsatisfactory	0

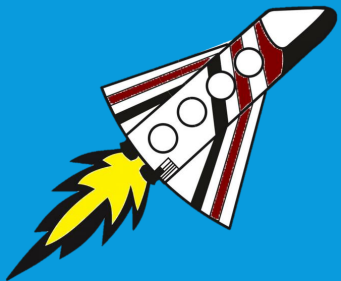


SUPPLY LIST



A SUPPLY LIST WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.drglpelementary.org



ATTENDANCE POLICY



Student absence: In order for an absence to be excused, students must bring a note from parent/guardian stating reason for their absence. However, if a student is missing 3 or more consecutive days of school due to illness or injury, they are required to provide a written statement from a health care provider.

Medical appointment: If a student is absent from school due to a medical appointment a written statement from a health care provider indicating the date and time of the appointment must be submitted.

ALL UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL RESULT IN A ZERO (0) BEING ISSUED FOR ANY WORK MISSED ON THE DAY OF THE UNEXCUSED ABSENCE. Please refer to the Parent Handbook for details on excused and unexcused absences.

ATTENDANCE POLICY



School Board Rule 5200 defines
"Excused" school absences as:

- ✓ Student illness
- ✓ Medical appointment
- ✓ Death in the family
- ✓ Observance of a religious holiday or service when it is mandated for all members of a faith that such a holiday or service be observed.
- ✓ School-sponsored event or activity previously approved.
- ✓ Attendance at a center under Department of Children and Families supervision
- ✓ Other individual student absences beyond the control of the parent or student, as determined and approved by the principal or principal's designee.

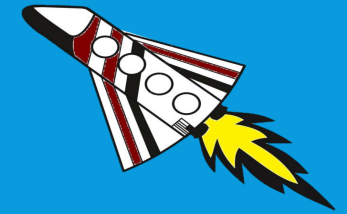
UNIFORM POLICY



We want to remind everyone that uniforms were made mandatory by the parents at Dr. Gilbert L. Porter Elementary School.

Student uniforms consist of:

- Red, white, or navy blue collared shirt with school logo.
- PTA Sponsored School T-shirt.
- Navy blue pants, shorts, dresses or skirts. Shorts and skirts must be of an appropriate length.
- Blue jeans are allowed on "Fridays only" (no holes). No jeans shorts are allowed.
- Shorts and skirts must be of an appropriate length.



Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate uniform colors to school each day. Exceptions will be made on cold weather days ONLY. Children may bring their school colors coats and other type of pants but must wear the school shirt. When your child is out of uniform, a notice will be sent home. Alternatively, they will be asked to call home to have the appropriate uniform brought or they will be provided a uniform from the clothes donated to the school by the PTA, if any are available. You can also find a complete list of acceptable uniform attire by visiting our PTA office or by calling Ibiley Uniforms.

LUNCH (FREE OR REDUCE LUNCH)



Free breakfast and lunch were provided this school year.

We will inform you if this will be the case next school year as soon as we know.

The USDA Child Nutrition Programs as administered by Miami-Dade County Public Schools provide free and reduced priced lunch for children unable to pay the full price. In place of the paper application, School Meal Program Brochures are distributed to all students informing parents on the application process and meal program. **Parents are encouraged to complete an online application at the Department of Food and Nutrition at freeandreducedmealapp.dadeschools.net.** Paper applications are available in the school front office upon request.

Meal benefits begin on the day the application is approved and continue throughout the school year in which the application is approved, the summer, and approximately **the first twenty days of the next school year.**

EMERGENCY STUDENT DATA FORM

School No./Name _____ I.D. Number _____ Grade ____ Section ____

Student Last Name _____ APP _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Address _____

Indicate primary contact phone number to be used for emergencies and automated messaging: _____

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Relation _____	Place of Employment _____
Telephone _____	Cell Phone _____	Email _____	

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Telephone _____	Cell Phone _____	Email _____	

Is either parent in the Military? Y _____ N _____ Branch _____

Kindergarten Only: Was the child in pre-school or child care? Yes _____ No _____

Was the full cost paid by you? Yes _____ No _____ What type? Headstart _____ ESE _____ Migrant _____ Other _____ Unknown _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION: Additional data is requested in the event of an emergency illness of your child. It is the parent's legal responsibility to assume medical and transportation for your child. In the event that parents of child cannot be reached, provide contact information below of two persons, by order of priority.

(Name) _____	(Relation to Student) _____	(Address) _____	(Phone at Work) _____
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Family Doctor _____ Phone _____ Preference of Hospital _____ Phone _____

Student health/allergy data which should be known in an emergency: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL: Please provide the names of persons authorized or not authorized to take your child from school during the school day. Note that persons listed listed as emergency contacts are not authorized to pick up your child, unless listed in this section.

Authorized: _____

Authorized: _____

Not Authorized: _____

Not Authorized: _____

IT IS THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to inform the school in person of any changes in the information listed on this form. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing (document) and that the facts stated in it are true.

Date: _____ Printed Parent Name: _____

Parent's Signature Verification: _____

Parents/guardians have the right to review the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) including the licensing status, degree major, graduate degree(s) and the field of certification. This "right to know", available from your child's school, includes whether your child is receiving services provided by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

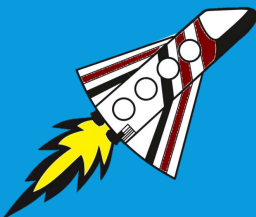
Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his/her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree under Fla. Stat. §837.08, or whoever makes a false verified declaration is guilty of the crime of perjury, a felony of the third degree, under Fla. Stat. §82.525, which are punishable as provided in Fla. Stat., §§775.082, 775.083, and 775.084.

The Emergency Student Data Form governs early release withdrawal of the student. The person who signs/verifies this form is responsible for providing truthful and accurate information. If the student's parents are divorced or separated, the enrolling parent is responsible for providing information that is consistent with the most recent court order governing such matters as divorce, separation or custody.

Emergency Student Data Form



Student Data/Emergency Contact Cards are distributed during the first week of school. Students are expected to bring the cards home and present them to their parents or guardians. **The card must be carefully completed** and then returned. The information provided on the Student Data/Emergency Contact Card will enable school staff to contact the parent/guardian immediately in the case of an emergency. **Students may only be released from school to the persons listed on the emergency contact card after presenting a picture identification.** No persons, other than school staff, will have access to the information submitted. Please keep telephone numbers up to date.



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL



Pre-k – 1st Grade

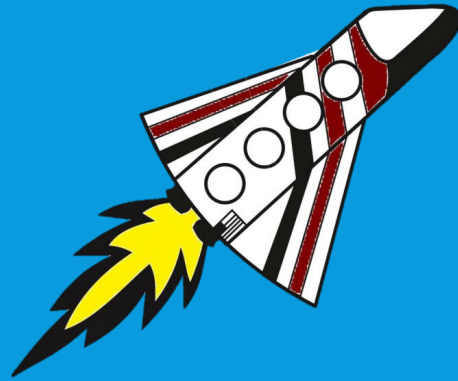
SCHOOL BEGINS AT 8:20 A.M. AND ENDS 1:50 P.M.

- Students registered in Before Care can be dropped off as early as 7:00 a.m. at the designated drop-off. Otherwise, doors open at 7:45 a.m.
- Free breakfast is served daily from 7:45 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.

Students not enrolled in our After School Care program **must be picked up directly after dismissal.** Supervision of students is provided by school until 2:10 p.m. (Pre-K, K, 1)

If you are unable to pick up your child on time, you must make the necessary arrangements to place them in the After School Care for their own safety.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



HOURS OF OPERATION & DAILY FEE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE
\$6.00 per day (all students)
7:00 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.

STORY HOUR
\$6.00 per day (all students)
2:05 p.m. to 3:05 p.m.

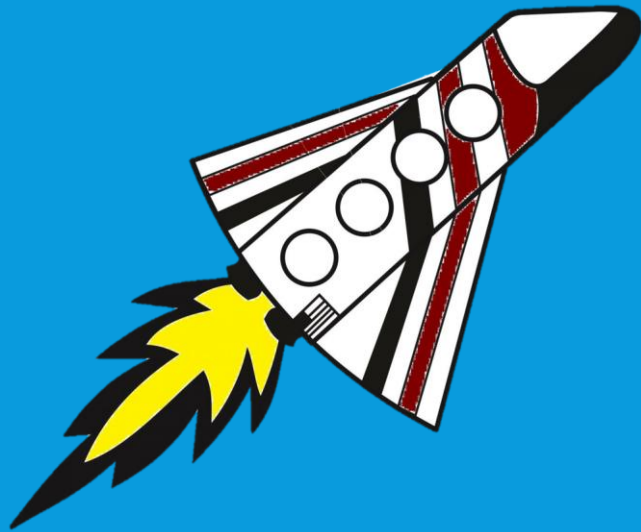
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
2:05 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
\$11.00 per day (free or reduced
lunch student rate) & \$12.00
per day
(regular student rate)

FLORIDA KID CARE



Contact the Parent Academy

(305) 995-2680



Informational Web Sites

www.floridakidcare.org

www.healthkids.org

www.coveringkids.org

www.insurekidsnow.org

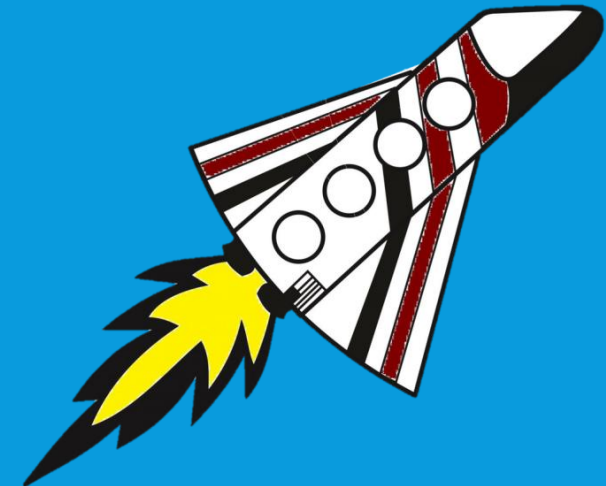


PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION-PTA



Volunteers help make our school a success on all levels! With parent-teacher involvement, amazing things can be accomplished for our children and our school. Our Porter PTA needs volunteers every school day, all year long. The PTA is a wonderful way to be involved with your child's school. Whether it is a one time event, volunteering on occasion from home or involving your business, your contribution plays a significant role in enriching our children's lives. There are many opportunities for you to get involved in your child's educational experience. Our goal is to help every person find his/her niche. It can be sharing a talent, helping in fund-raising or assisting in the classroom. The possibilities are endless.

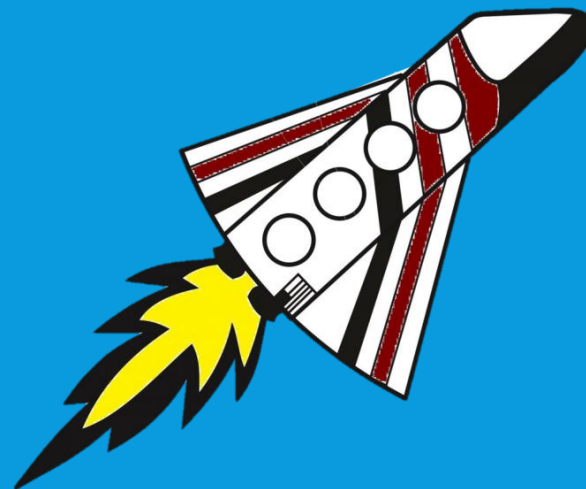
We encourage you to join our PTA. **Dues are \$10.00 per parent.**





VOLUNTEERS

Parents must be cleared through M-DCPS to become an approved volunteer for special events or field trips. Log on to dadeschools.net and complete the required information to process your request as a volunteer. All volunteers must wear a school t-shirt. This shirt may be purchased at the PTA office.





Ways to get Ready

- **Help your child become more independent**
 - Provide opportunities to use pencils, crayons and safety scissors
 - Taking care of his/her own clothing (belts, zippers, belt buckles)
 - Managing his/her own bathroom needs
 - Encouraging Clean up after meals and playtimes
- **Help your child develop social skills**
 - Taking turns and sharing with others
 - Following the rules created by adults in their lives
 - Asking for help and offering help to others when needed
- **Help your child acquire a love of learning**
 - Having conversations with your child about things you do together
 - Listening to your child's ideas and answering his/her questions
 - Encourage your child to try new activities and problem solve challenges
 - Sing songs, recite rhymes chants/rhymes and read to your child everyday

Countdown to

Kindergarten

See you in August 2024

For more information visit:

www.drjpelementary.org

Or contact us @ Tel:305-382-0792

