

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Saya Kodama	10/2
Emily Neumaier	10/9
Drew Koenigsberg	10/11
Benjamin Meyer	10/18
Cole D'Angelo	10/20
Dean D'Angelo	10/20
Marilena Skiadaresis	10/22
Sophia Benmoha	10/23
Ella Wachtel	10/23
Aya Saleem	10/24
Madison Rosen	10/25
Charlie Philippou	10/27
Andrew Schwartz	10/28



## Upcoming Events at Pierce:

### OCTOBER

10/3-4	Rosh Hashanah: School Closed
10/5-7	Reading Week
10/10-12	Columbus Day & Yom Kippur: School Closed
10/13	41Q & 42Q: Field Trips - Bryant Library
10/19	Staff Development Day: School Closed
10/24	Lollipop Pony Parties & Petting Zoo (Rain Date: 10/25)
10/24-28:	Fall Festival

### NOVEMBER

11/8	Election Day: School Closed Parent / Teacher Conferences
11/11	Veterans Day: School Closed
11/23-25	Thanksgiving Break: School Closed



From the Desk of Mr. Neal

## SELECTING A PRESCHOOL

Many visitors come to our school looking to find the right fit for their youngsters. Parents have varied expectations of what would be right for their children. Some are looking for play-based learning while others focus on what they feel should be a more structured environment. Some parents care a lot about the facility while others are interested in the classrooms. Most are concerned with the staff's background and how many years they have worked at Pierce. Still others are concerned with specific cultures interwoven in the school and others want to spend lots of time helping out with their children.

My personal preferences begin with the feeling I get as I walk into a school. The positive vibe in a quality school is palpable. It is a spirit that tells you that beyond everything being under control everyone is happy to be there. The staff and the classrooms they operate in illustrate a professional atmosphere. Young students should appear comfortable and ready to learn.

I believe that strong teachers are the most strategic part of a high functioning school. Staffing is everything. Teachers in preschools must be kind, patient, understanding of how young children function and always be willing to differentiate instruction to the needs of each particular student. Teachers must also be expert in early childhood curriculum. Each classroom must have cooperative teachers who are prepared to work together and blend academic strengths.

Value-based education is a must for me in preschool. It is essential that children learn how to share and help each other. We want to help build good, young citizens. We teach children how to be patient. Working with children on how to stay calm in all types of circumstances is another important skill that preschools must concern themselves with. I feel that quality preschools must help build confidence in children. There is so much to evaluate in what makes the right fit for a child entering preschool.

# Classroom Fun with Toddler 1

From the Classroom of Miss Robin, Miss Kim, and Miss Lisa

September was a very busy month for Toddler 1. They have become comfortable with their classroom and their routine. It has been such a joy to see the toddlers' excitement and enthusiasm grow each day!

We have an exciting year ahead of us. In October, we will go pumpkin picking, enjoy a visit from a petting zoo and celebrate Halloween with a festive party. Throughout the year we will incorporate holidays and seasons into our projects, as well as introducing a color and shape each month. It is going to be a great year filled with learning and fun!



We ♥ Playtime!

