

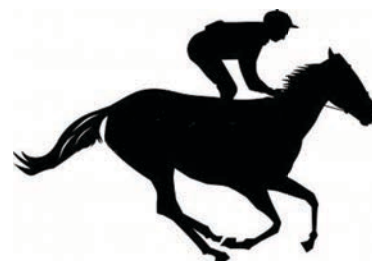
Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL BENEFIT

Hold onto your hats!

Hold on to your hats! The annual benefit is just a few weeks away! Did you purchase your ticket yet?



You won't want to miss the event this year! On Friday, March 27th, Celebrate the Children will host an evening of fine foods, dinner, live music, dancing, silent auction, and a Run for the Roses Derby Event! Derby attire is encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the best one!

And don't forget to join Marvelous Monica, Lovely Lauren and Charming Cathy at the race by owning and naming a horse of your own! Quantities are limited, act now before you miss out!

Additional levels of sponsorships are also available including "Sponsor a Race" during our horse race event, sponsor a staff member, and more. Please see our website for more details or speak with one of our coordinators for more information.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Annual Benefit
- Around Campus
- Upcoming Events

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

A Peek Into the Classroom
2

A Peek into the Program
3

NYC Triathlon
4

RDI Parent Training
4

Spring Concert
5

Upcoming Events
5

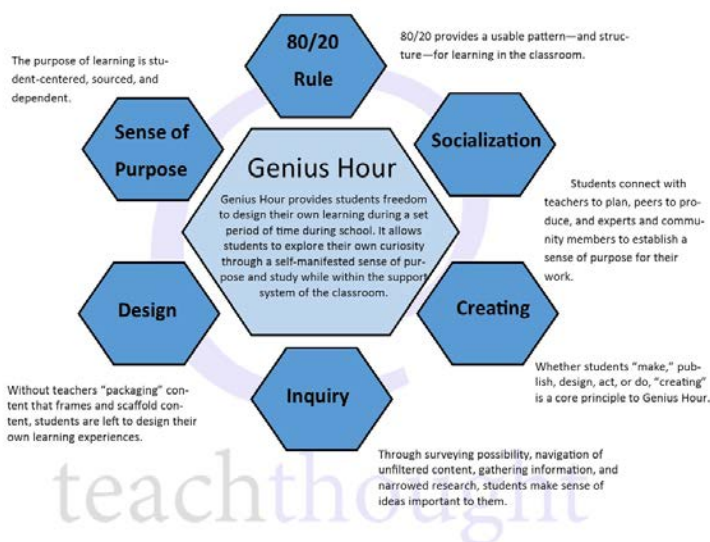
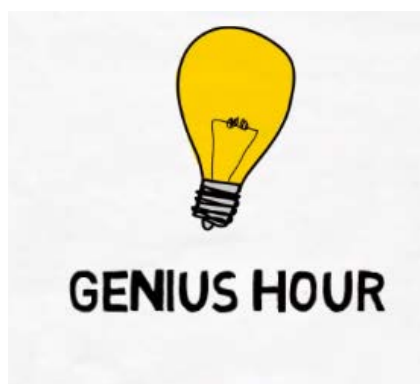


A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM AMY'S CLASS

This week Amy's class was introduced to Genius Hour. Genius Hour is an opportunity that allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in the classroom. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time during school. We are ideally going to do Genius Hour for an hour each week on Wednesdays. Students will choose their own passion project to work on. They will spend several weeks researching their topic before they start creating a final piece to be shared with our school community. Each student will have an assigned time to present, and they may invite any staff or friends that they choose to share their final project with. This idea of Genius Hour not only allows students to be creative, and explore their own passions, but it encourages them to be life long learners. We look forward to seeing all of the creative things that the students will come up with during their time spent doing Genius Hour!!

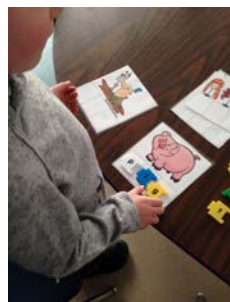
6 Principles Of Genius Hour In The Classroom

teachthought



A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM NIKKI'S CLASS

Pre-K/Kindergarten is full of Sight Word Superstars!!! Our favorite game is Sight Word BINGO. We have been practicing our sight words while targeting fine motor skills, using popsicle sticks and clothespins. Each week we have been focusing on a different word family. This week's word family is -ig. We know how to make words like pig, dig, wig, and big. We are very proud of our progress in Language Arts!



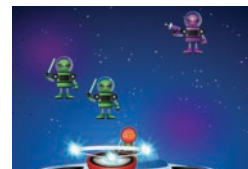
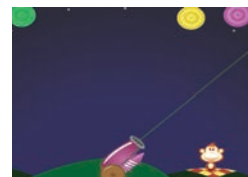
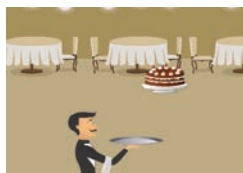
A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM RELATED SERVICES

Meet Timocco!

The Related Services department is introducing a computer platform that will help integrate therapeutic goals into the classroom! Timocco is a virtual motion gaming system –similar to the Wii – that accelerates the development of motor skills, encouraging bi-lateral coordination, crossing midline, hand-eye coordination, postural control, visual thinking, visual tracking, and short-term memory. With over 50 games Timocco offers fun activities such as popping balloons, zapping aliens, catching calling fruit, playing goalie, and building train tracks and much more.

This gaming platform will be used both in therapy sessions and in the classrooms. Students will use their whole bodies to make things happen on the screen. While having fun they will be working on many of their therapy goals! Your child's therapy team will design the best gaming plan for your child, which will be carried out in the classroom. This gives an innovative way for students to work on therapy goals even when they are not in sessions with their therapists.

We are very excited about this addition to our program and the response from the students so far has been very positive! You can learn more about Timocco on their website – timocco.com.

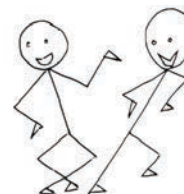


A PEEK INTO THE PROGRAM PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education we're focusing on heart healthy activities like dance, jump rope and even hockey!

This month we began our unit on Family Life Education across the grades. Younger primary students are learning the following:

- General anatomy (eyes, arms, knees etc.)
- Gender Identification -Correctly identify themselves and classmates as male or female
- Identifying which restroom to use in the community. Sign recognition
- Identifying strangers, acquaintances, friends, family members and helpers.
- Identifying fair and unfair touches on general body areas
- Think First & Stay Safe school program



Older primary students are learning all about the above things plus:

- Identifying fair and unfair touches in private "bathing suit" areas. (Anatomy of these private areas is not included until middle school)
- Identifying a "tricky" person and learn what to do in a scary situation.

Older middle school students are learning about puberty, anatomy, and abuse prevention. Knowledge is power. Let's empower our kids to be safe! Please use the resources below to help your child in this effort.

<http://www.childluresprevention.com/>

<http://www.checklistmommy.com/2012/02/09/tricky-people-are-the-new-strangers/>

<http://childmolestationprevention.org/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Yj1MreZqs&list=PLMmISo2-2vAMfZ9i8EqnTZAu-eWhVElt_&index=4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8jjilSFa3w&list=PLMmISo2-2vAMfZ9i8EqnTZAu-eWhVElt_&index=3

NYC PANASONIC TRIATHLON



Celebrate the Children is excited to be participating in the New York City Panasonic Triathlon as a Charity Partner, this year in July.

Each year, thousands of athletes brave the waters of the mighty Hudson River before biking along Manhattan's West Side highway. Finally, athletes put on their running shoes for a run through New York's famed Central Park in the final stage of this iconic race.

Currently, we are recruiting athletes to be on our team! If you are interested in participating (or know someone who might be) and raising money for your favorite school, please contact Jenna Hammond (jhammond@celebratethechildren.org).

To learn more about the NYC Panasonic Triathlon, please visit <http://www.nyctri.com/>

RDI PARENT TRAINING

RDI and DIR have the same goal of addressing developmental goals and objectives for students. RDI was designed as a parent based intervention. RDI has hundreds of very specific, systematic, developmental goals that fit nicely within DIR's developmental levels.

The main difference you will likely see and feel initially, is that RDI begins with a more structured, parent or guide led approach. Our goal in RDI is to create opportunities for the child to become regulated through co-regulating with a parent or guide.

Once the child is able to actively and competently engage in the back and forth set up by the parent or guide, more responsibility is transferred to the child to maintain that coordinated activity. Aside from the initial way an RDI activity is set up, it is often difficult to discriminate between RDI and DIR once an activity is in motion.

For more information on RDI, visit www.rdiconnect.com

**Contact Laura Hynes to register
Or for more information**

**LHynes@celebratethechildren.org
973-989-4033 ext 424**



**Wednesdays 12:00-1:30
March 4th- March 25th**

THE QUEST FOR THE TABLET



Save the date! Our Spring Concert, *The Quest for the Tablet*, will be held on Wednesday, June 17th. *The Quest for the Tablet* is an underwater and worldwide adventure where Jacques Cousteau's scientific team of scuba divers encounter Ghost Pirates. They all are in a race to find the secret tablet pieces that are hidden in various parts of the world.

Students have been working hard writing the script for the concert this year and are very excited about the upcoming show. This is sure to be the best concert yet.... very original. Additionally, we secured a new location to have the concert, Baker Theatre in Dover, NJ. The theatre has a balcony, a huge stage and seats 1200; come one, come all!

Today, as part of CTC's weekly CBI outing, Lauren Blaszak took her script writing class along with a group of staff members to the theatre so they can see the venue. They also had the opportunity to work on the script on site. Students were so inspired the ideas kept flowing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
RDI Parent Training
12:00pm

March 5th
Speaker Series
SCARC Guardianship Services
7:00pm

March 6th, 13th & 20th
Parent Series
Executive Functions Part II
11:00am

March 10th
Parent Training Series
Planning for Adult Life
11:00am

March 11th
Parent Training Group
Initiating Parent-Child Connections
1:30pm

March 21st
Teen Night
Mount Olive Peak
@Mount Olive Senior Center
Reservations Required
dawn@peakgroup.org

March 25th
Prep Club
6:00pm

March 27th
Annual Benefit
Meadow Wood Manor
7:00pm

April 1st
Coffee with Dr. Mike
Reservations Required
9:30am

April 2nd
Light It Up Blue Event
Brady Rymer Concert
11:00am

April 22nd
Prep Club 6:00pm

May 27th
Prep Club 6:00pm

June 11th
Speaker Series
Transportation
7:00pm

June 17th
Spring Concert
Save the Date!



Celebrate the Children

A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

Phone: 973.989.4033
www.celebratethechildren.org