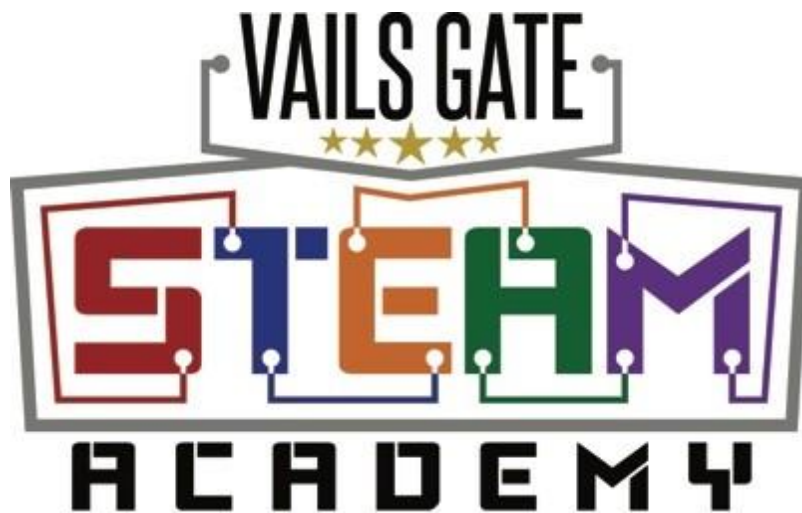




# Vails Gate Vision

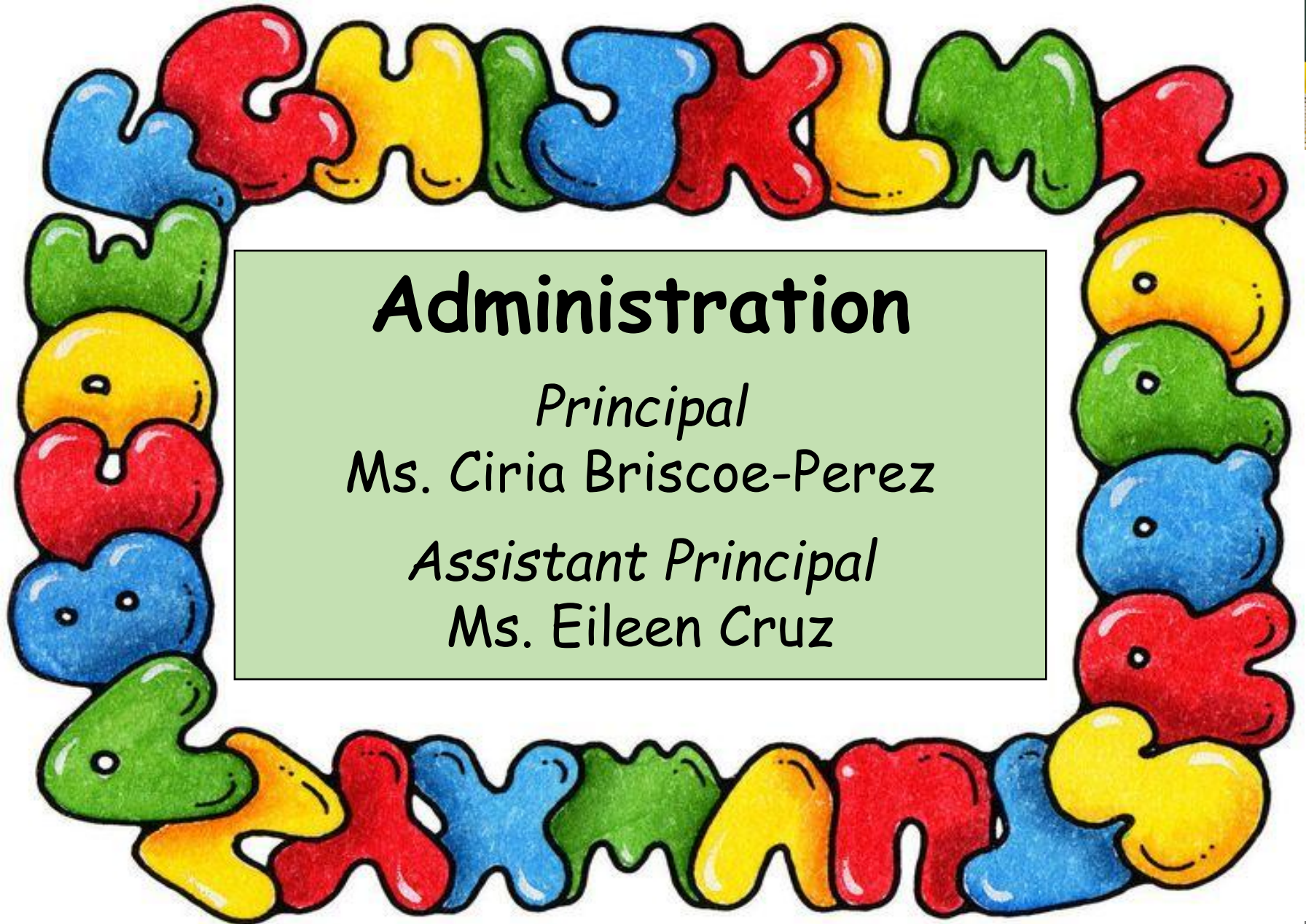


*Empowering students to become critical thinkers,  
leaders and collaborative learners.*



Science,  
Technology,  
Engineering,  
Arts and  
Mathematics





**Administration**

*Principal*  
Ms. Ciria Briscoe-Perez

*Assistant Principal*  
Ms. Eileen Cruz





## Kindergarten Team

- Mrs. Emilia Pearce/Ms. Erica Thompson
- Mrs. Barbara Mamazza/Mrs. Dana Marie Suarez/Mrs. Haydee Colon-Henry
- Mrs. Janet Fernandez/Mrs. Katya Fernandez
- Mrs. Emily Pellegrinelli/Mrs. Palumbo/Ms. Bentz
- Mrs. Dana Esposito/Mrs. Sutter



# Kindergarten Sample Daily Schedule

Morning Meeting and Procedures  
Integrated Reading Literacy Block  
Technology  
STEAM Integration  
Specials  
Lunch  
Guided Math  
Recess  
Dismissal



# COVID-19 Protocols



- Mask wearing on school bus and indoors at all times, except when eating
- Supervised mask breaks
- Frequent hand washing and sanitizing
- Social distancing
- Frequent disinfecting and sanitizing of classrooms
- Limited sharing of items





## Attendance

- School hours are 8:15 am - 3:00 pm.
- Daily school attendance is important!
- Your child's success is dependent upon being in school ready to learn.





# What programs does Vails Gate have to offer?

Dual Language Program

Special Education Services

STEAM Integrated Curriculum

Technology Integration

Gardening Program through Hudson Valley Seed

Music, Arts, Library, Physical Education

Small-group instruction





# STEAM Curriculum



- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math
- Engineering process integrated into all content areas
- STEAM Fridays in which students work together to solve a real-world challenge
- Problem solving and critical thinking skills

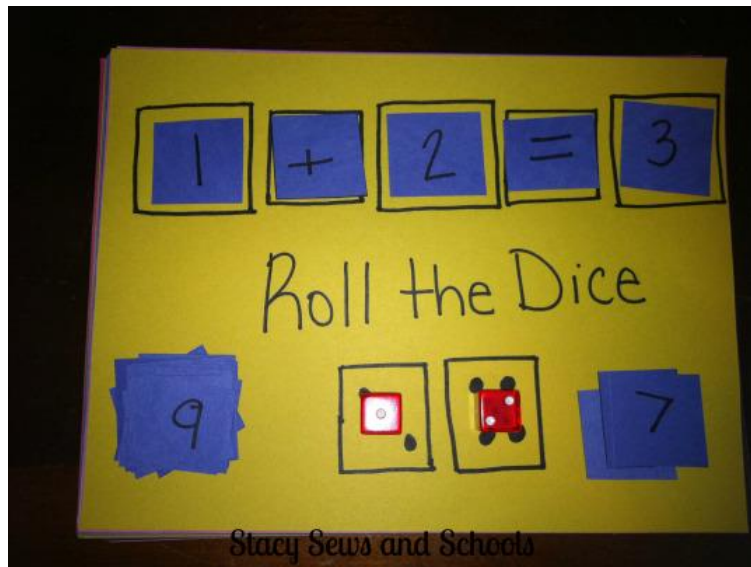


# Math in Our Classroom



## Kindergarten Math

Students engage in hands-on activities through guided small groups. Students work from concrete experiences to pictorial to abstract as students gain a greater understanding.



# Reading Block



- Guided reading occurs when a teacher meets with a small, flexible group of students with a common reading goal.
- During guided reading, your child has the opportunity to develop reading strategies in order to read increasingly difficult stories independently.
- Our ELA program is aligned to NYS Standards.
- In the early grades, instruction focuses on oral language development through carefully sequenced read-alouds as well as systematic instruction in reading and writing skills.



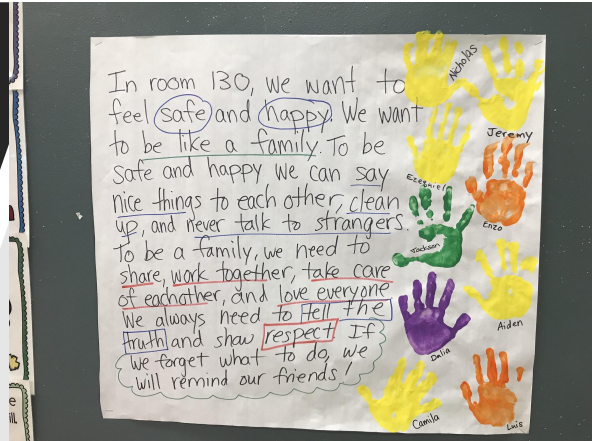
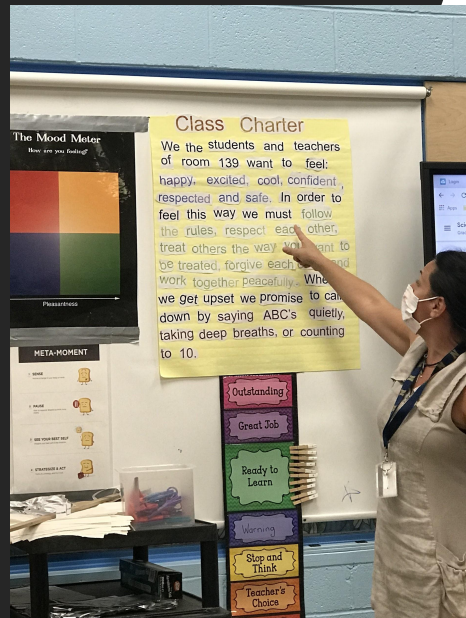
# Flexible Seating and Small-Group Instruction

- Age-appropriate furniture
- Students have a choice of where to sit
- Students are instructed using a small group and cooperative group format





- RULER- Social Emotional Program
- Morning Meetings
- Positive Behavior Reinforcement
- Attendance Incentives



# Social and Emotional Learning

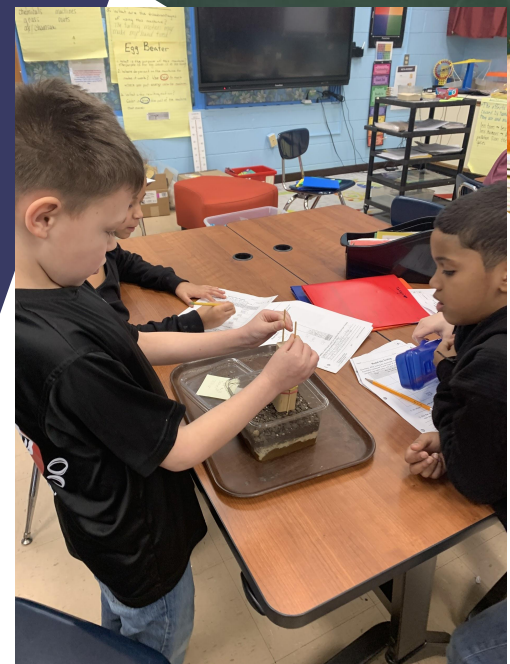
# Technology in the Classroom

- Every classroom is equipped with:
  - Promethean Board
  - Laptops
  - Computers
  - Listening center



# Science Lab

Vails Gate STEAM Academy has a science lab where students engage in hands-on science experiences.



# Nature Trail

Vails Gate STEAM Academy has a nature trail which functions as an *outdoor* science lab.





Beginning in grade 3, students may join **chorus** and beginning in grade 4, students may join **orchestra or band**.

# Chorus and Band



# Student Activities

- Hudson Valley Seed Gardening Program
- Attendance Celebrations
- 21st Century After School Program
- Value of the Month Assemblies
- Student Advisory Council
- Chorus and Band
- Spelling Bee (Grades 3-5)
- Math Team (Grade 5)
- MakerSpace





## Field Trips (on pause until further notice due to COVID-19)

Every grade has various field trips throughout the year to enrich their learning experiences.





## Yearly Events to Increase Family Collaboration and Involvement

(events modified until further notice due to COVID-19)

- Better Together VIP Days
- Family Fun Math/Literacy Night
- STEAM Night
- Super Science Day
- Mighty Math Day
- Parent/Teacher Organization
- Community Partnerships

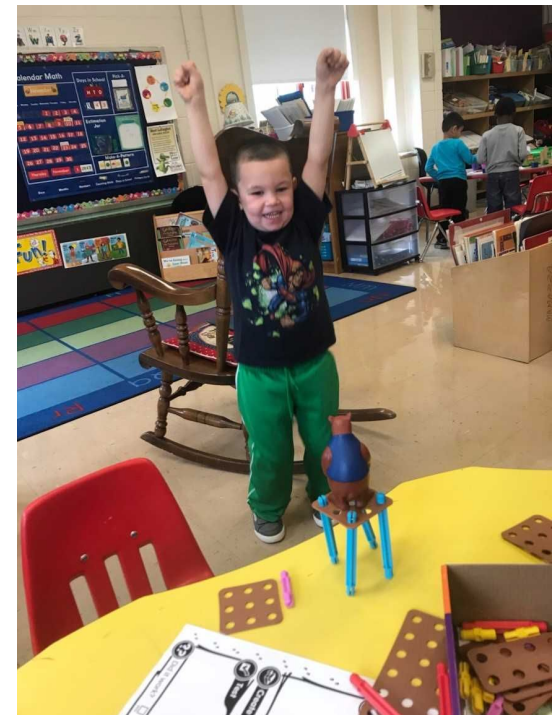
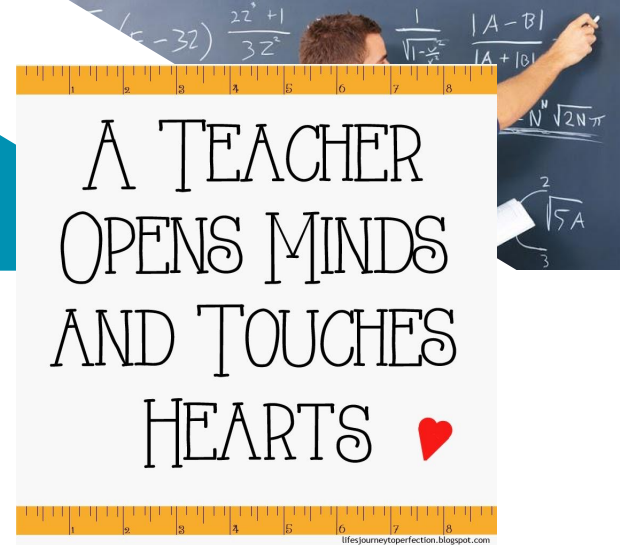
## More Events...

- National Library Month Celebration
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration
- Spirit Weeks
- Field Day
- Book Fair
- Trunk or Treat



# Dedicated Faculty and Teachers

- Our faculty and staff are well prepared and continue improving their skills through weekly built-in professional development sessions where they collaborate and plan curriculum together.





## Thank You!

- **Thank you for taking the time to learn about Vails Gate STEAM Academy.**
- **We look forward to seeing you in September where your child will be happy and thrive!**

