Early Learning at The Peck School

the right school | right from the start
YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN A STUDENT OF THE WORLD FROM THE MOMENT SHE ENTERED IT.

A natural linguist, decoding meaning in the lilt of your voice.

A budding scientist, marveling at the pull of gravity on the raindrops dancing down a window pane.

A future artist, already documenting her world in colors, patterns, and fingerpaints.

AT THE PECK SCHOOL, we welcome her into a family of fellow explorers and discoverers and build on the instincts that tell her that curiosity is her compass and discovery her greatest joy.

The energy of our dedicated Kindergarten building and the enduring relationships she forms with her first teachers stimulate and accelerate each of her unique talents, passions, and strengths—propelling her into an enthusiastic, engaged life of the mind right from the start.

We teach to each child, tapping into her natural talents, speaking to her special strengths, and leveraging what she loves. Whatever gift your child brings to us, at Peck we recognize it, build upon it, and celebrate it. And this begins with really knowing every student and feeling a responsibility for each of them on an individual, human level.

–Lower School faculty member
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—Lower School parent

**AN EXTRAORDINARY DAY, EVERY DAY**

Early learning at Peck begins at 7:30 a.m. with optional Early Care. Classes start at 8 a.m. and dismiss at 3 p.m., when After School Care and After School Enrichment programs begin.

We treat every moment in between as a priceless opportunity to enrich your child’s experience—academically, emotionally, and socially—in our classrooms, during recess, and (starting in first grade) through our unique family-style dining program.

**A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERY STUDENT**

Day by day, your child learns and grows in a remarkably secure atmosphere, surrounded by supportive peers, seasoned educators, a full-time, licensed school nurse, and extensive campus safety and security.

**AN OPEN DOOR FOR EVERY FAMILY**

Peck educators value open communication with our families, and the school offers many opportunities for your involvement throughout the year. We rely on invested, attuned parents as critical partners throughout their children’s educational experience.

**parents partnered**

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grow up and measure
IN YOUR CHILD’S VITAL EARLY SCHOOL YEARS
he sets his pace and finds his path for the journey to follow.

He learns to decipher letters and words and comprehend the progression of numbers, to express himself and consider the needs of others, to thrive in an unusually close-knit peer community, and to emulate the drive and devotion of his teachers.

Through these foundational experiences, he is also learning how to learn.

To identify and solve problems.

To harness enthusiasm and perseverance.

To ask relevant questions and seek out his own solutions.

THE PECK SCHOOL provides a carefully crafted early learning curriculum in an intimate academic setting, taught by extensively trained, masterful experts to ensure your child loves learning today while he prepares for all the challenges of tomorrow.

Peck’s curriculum is exceptional, but what really stands apart is the way the school integrates academics and character education. Peck teachers weave important values, like empathy and perseverance, through everything else they teach, until they are instilled deeply in every child.

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SMALL-SCALED CLASSES, WORLD-CLASS TEACHERS

Impressive student/teacher ratios:
- 12-16 students per class: 2 teachers per class in Kindergarten
- 15-18 students per class: 2 teachers per class in Grades 1-4

Seasoned educators: 19 years average teaching experience and an average of 15 years at Peck

Key credentials: all Peck K-Grade 4 teachers are trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach to teach phonics, spelling, and reading

CURRICULAR STRENGTH AND SCOPE

Our early learning curriculum rests on differentiating instruction in our Guided Reading and Guided Math approaches, beginning with careful screenings that inform leveled placements for each student. From there, we match students with instructional groups of 2-6 children who share similar learning stages and styles.

Peck educators truly know all the students in their care, meeting them where they are and drawing out individual strengths and interests. Our core curriculum is further supported and shaped by two reading specialists and a math specialist, who ensure that the latest, most effective, and most engaging instructional methods build strong academic foundations for every Peck student.

We also immerse young minds in seven specialized subject areas—taught by experts in each field—which open new realms of academic inquiry. As children explore the full range of their talents and interests, they build confidence and enthusiasm early.

Even our youngest students undertake engaging experiences with sports, visual arts, music, science and design, technology, world language, and library skills. And we provide formative opportunities to step into exciting new roles and spaces right from the start—from an amateur engineer purposefully tinkering in our Idea and Design Lab to a budding public speaker communicating confidently with an audience of peers and parents at the Kindergarten play.

PECK’S EARLY LEARNING APPROACH BUILDS SKILLS ALL CHILDREN NEED THROUGH METHODS TAILORED TO EACH CHILD’S MIND—USING TIMELY TEACHING METHODS TO INSTILL TIMELESS SKILLS.

My children are incredibly excited about the hands-on learning opportunities at Peck, especially when it comes to solving a problem or creating a prototype in the maker spaces. At the same time, their interest in reading has really taken flight and they come home eager to talk about books. And they’re not just discussing the plot points of the story. They’re able to discern the values and themes written between the lines. Peck blends classic skill sets, from reading comprehension to cursive writing, and new ways of learning very well.

–Early Learning parent
AT THE PECK SCHOOL, we ensure that your child feels important and included from her very first days by helping her forge meaningful, affirmative relationships—with students in her own classroom and across all grade levels, and with every teacher and staff member on campus.

An eighth-grade buddy meets her at your car, walks with her to her Kindergarten classroom, and helps her prepare for the day’s first activity.

A prototyping partner from fourth grade assists her with taping and tinkering in the K.I.D. Lab.

Kind-hearted schoolmates make her feel that she fits in—and forward-thinking educators encourage her to stand out.

OUR EARLY LEARNING CLASSROOMS exude warmth and encourage wonder, and our community eagerly embraces her—even as we ready her for the wider world.

We are constantly working to create belonging and community, with every Peck student supported by a thick web of positive relationships. We want peer friendships to cross all grade levels and we make sure every child on campus knows each adult here personally—as an individual, an advocate, and a resource.

—Lower School faculty member
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