

Manlius Pebble Hill School

WHAT'S THE **MPH** EFFECT IN EARLY LEARNING?

It's early fascination with language, math, science and citizenship, balanced by plenty of play for young minds and bodies.

And it's a love of discovery—beginning today—that stays with MPH students through all their tomorrows.

You want your child to build on her strengths. We provide the foundation.

At MPH, each student is truly known and deeply understood. While our entire program is built on a developmentally responsive curriculum, our 8:1 student/teacher ratio empowers our educators to teach in ways that are uniquely tailored to each child. MPH teachers leverage individual strengths and address personal challenges, giving your child important insights into how she learns best. At MPH, smaller classes mean closer relationships—between classmates and with teachers—and more meaningful experiences.

Your child is filled with natural curiosities. We indulge them.

We encourage even our youngest learners to make their own thoughtful, intentional decisions—and, sometimes, to take risks. Your child will learn how to make better choices, both by reflecting on successful ventures and by learning all she can from mistakes and missteps. Over time, he becomes a better—and certainly more resilient—decision-maker.

And your child loves learning now. We want him to love it forever.

Young children revel in discovery. At MPH, we open a wide range of academic disciplines to their instinctive urge to investigate, encouraging foundational explorations into words and numbers, stories and theories. Our carefully crafted curriculum ensures that our students build stronger academic skills sooner. We also offer a balanced experience—one in which exuberance is encouraged, play is an important part of the day, and all learning is joyful.

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FIRM FOUNDATIONS

Our Early Learning curriculum is a scaffold our students will build on throughout their time at MPH—and beyond. We offer thematic activities in literacy, math, science, social studies and Spanish, introducing vital content in ways that are engaging, exciting, and effective. **Our program is tailored to your child's skill level and built around her individual needs—not Common Core requirements.**



KEY CURIOSITIES

At MPH, learning feels like exploration, discovery, and even play—so our youngest students rise enthusiastically to the challenges of our ambitious curriculum. Here **early learning is a joyful process** in which students are encouraged to pursue curiosities, ask questions, test ideas, and share findings. The energy in our early learning classrooms is palpable and the passion for learning we foster is enduring.

A LEARNING COMMUNITY

Every fall, PreK students at MPH examine the culture of upstate New York through the lens of the harvest. It begins with the apples and pumpkins, which they carefully dissect after making predictions about the number of seeds they are likely to find in each. They also study the three sister crops of corn, beans, and squash and consider the symbiotic relationships between these plants and their importance to the Haudenosaunee people.

From her first day, your child will feel at home at MPH. Our classes are intentionally small, and our learning is active, which encourages students to know each other well and interact with one another constructively and supportively. Just as important, her **teachers also nurture her personally and strengthen her emotionally.**



GENUINE CONNECTIONS

While the atmosphere in our early learning program is cozy and secure, the experience we offer is both eye-opening and perspective-widening. **Our youngest students dive into STEM experiments, Suzuki Strings education, Singapore Math instruction,** movement and dance classes, health and wellness programs, visual art and design, and even public speaking. From the start, the breadth of MPH's offerings instills an expansive sense of possibility in your child.



WIDE HORIZONS

Later, in second grade, students conduct a class Community Study, interviewing various people at MPH to gather information about their role at school and the corresponding building on campus in which they work. Some of these students will interview our campus chef to learn about the role of food in our community, then design a model of the MPH Dining Hall. The final step is to add it to a full 3-D map of campus, where it sits as a hearth and hub for our school community.

MPH's early learning program engages our youngest students with pivotal questions about the workings of the natural and cultural world, about their place in it and how to best share it with others.



WHAT'S THE **MPH** EFFECT FOR LIFE?

We prepare our students, not just for the challenges of Lower, Middle, and Upper School or the rigor of college, but for life itself by exposing them to a wide variety of learning styles and environments, encouraging risk-taking and independence, and cultivating their own defining talents and interests. *Our curricular and co-curricular offerings are extraordinary—and their effects last a lifetime.*

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- 1:1 iPad program
- 8:1 Student-to-teacher ratio
- Buddy program with Middle and Upper School students
- Collaborative learning
- Daily physical education and recess
- Daily wonder, curiosity, and discovery
- Enrichment instruction
- Extended Day program
- Focus on self-confidence and self-awareness
- Healthy lunch program, eaten with teachers
- Immersive Spanish
- Introduction to research
- Introduction to STEM and scientific method
- Literacy instruction tailored to skill level
- Movement and dance classes
- Public speaking
- Singapore Math instruction
- STEAM Park—outdoor learning environment
- Suzuki Strings
- Visual art and design activities
- Wellness initiatives