



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to Parkbench Babies at 92NY! We're delighted to have your child joining us this semester for a wonderful experience.

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS SEMESTER

Parkbench Babies is a play-based class tailored to the developmental needs of 4–9-month-olds, offering an environment where infants can begin to explore, learn from others, and experience a group dynamic. Classes include free play along with focused activities such as music, bubbles, and movement.

Grownups also benefit — this is a chance to meet other caregivers, share stories, and give and get support. Many families forge friendships that extend well beyond the classroom.

Each week follows a similar, predictable routine, which helps children feel confident and secure as they develop new skills and interests. The instructor also sets aside a few minutes each week to check in with caregivers about anything on their minds.

CLASS INFORMATION

You can view your child's particular class information in your **92NY patron portal**.

BEFORE YOUR FIRST CLASS

If someone other than a parent will be bringing your child, please discuss the program together beforehand and share this letter with them.

Please be prepared to sit on the floor and play with your infant — a receiving blanket is helpful to bring along.

ATTENDANCE AND PROGRAM POLICIES

This class works best when all caregivers, parents, and grandparents get to know one another and contribute to the group.

It's completely fine to attend if your child is sleeping, needs to nurse, needs a diaper change, or is crying — feel free to tend to your child at any time.

If your infant becomes tired and you need to leave early that's fine too — we understand every baby's schedule is different.

Our policy is one adult per child; special circumstances (such as an out-of-town grandparent visiting) are welcome — just let your instructor know in advance.

Photography: adults may take a few photos of their own child, then are asked to put phones away for the rest of the class to allow full participation. For privacy, please don't photograph any person other than yourself or your own child. Videos are not permitted.

Cell phone usage: if you need to make or take an important call, please step outside with your child.

Makeup policy: one Shababa class is offered as a makeup option per session. If you miss a class, email us and we'll send the Shababa sign-up link.

IMPORTANT DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

You can view the [Parenting Center Fall 2026 calendar online](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Feel free to contact your instructor about how your child is doing at [**parentingcenter@92NY.org**](mailto:parentingcenter@92NY.org). Your class leader and the Parenting Center staff are always available for questions and concerns.

If you have any questions before your first class, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

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