



Dear Parent or Guardian,

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

WHAT TO EXPECT THIS SEMESTER

Parkbench is a play-based program thoughtfully designed for toddlers, offering an environment where young children are encouraged to explore and learn wherever their curiosity leads. Each child learns and explores in their own unique way, with a balanced mix of free play and focused activity.

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:

Free Play – children explore age-appropriate toys and play structures at their own pace (puzzles, manipulatives, cars and trucks, animals and barns, play kitchen, and more) while interacting with other children

Group Activity – the group works together to clean up, shares a snack of graham crackers and water, then enjoys bubbles, story time, and singing, ending with our goodbye song.

CLASS INFORMATION

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

BEFORE YOUR FIRST CLASS

Children are required to wear shoes in this class.

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

ATTENDANCE AND PROGRAM POLICIES

Our policy is one adult per child; special circumstances (such as an out-of-town grandparent visiting) are welcome with advance notice.

Photography: feel free to take a few photos, then put phones aside — this helps keep conversation open and encourages adult participation. For privacy, please don't photograph any person other than you and your child.

Cell phone usage: if you need to make or take an important call, please step outside the classroom.

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**. 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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