

# GENIUS HOUR

Dear Parents,

Something exciting is happening in our kindergarten class! After Spring Break, I will be introducing the students to GENIUS HOUR!

## **What is Genius Hour?**

Genius Hour is time set aside in class for students to study their passion on a new idea or skill once a week for a set amount of time.

## **Why is Genius Hour important?**

Students take ownership in their own learning. They learn about something they want to learn about. Genius Hour sparks curiosity, and students have an opportunity to become their own Genius. Genius Hour encourages life-long learning, imagination, perseverance, self-awareness, adaptability, as well as other life-lessons.

## **How will Genius Hour work in my classroom?**

Students will participate in Genius Hour every Friday afternoon for 30 minutes. After mini-lessons on what is appropriate, students will choose a topic to study with Teacher Approval. Students will be given time in class to work on the project with the teacher. The teacher will provide research materials (ie., books, computer, iPads, etc.) for students to explore. As an end project, students must present their topic to an audience.

I am excited to share this opportunity with your child! I am sure we will need to tweak things along the way as we embark on this new adventure in Kindergarten.

## **For more information as we go:**

I will be adding a Genius Hour page to our classroom website ([www.galanggang.weebly.com](http://www.galanggang.weebly.com)). Here you will be able to find out more about our project process, fill out a survey to volunteer, watch videos, etc.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Your Partner in Education,

Rachelle Galang

