Trevor Day School
The Nursery through Grade 5 experience
You’re looking for a school for your three-year-old. In Manhattan.

And you’re looking for a place that values challenge and childhood. Success and happiness.

At Trevor, your child begins with an ambitious academic program that builds upon unbounded curiosity, answering questions with hands-on projects and varied approaches that inspire even more questions and lead to breakthrough moments.

Your child benefits from an engaging N–12 continuum that hums with the excitement of discovery, experimentation, and daily epiphanies.

Trevor students, from early learning through Upper School, love going to school, enjoy exchanging and debating ideas, and learn that by coming together they all grow toward their best purpose.
And your child grows as a balanced student within a school community that doesn’t rank achievement over wellness, but instead cherishes both, in the pursuit of a simple yet profound belief: the idea that happy, engaged children learn more.

At Trevor, your child can enjoy childhood and adolescence, get into a top college, and shape a fulfilling life.
That’s because at Trevor, there really is no trade-off. When children learn how to be joyful learners now, they grow into well-balanced adults who can navigate our ever-changing world with agility and confidence.

This is Trevor Day School.
Academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with happiness. High expectations motivate children by stimulating their love of learning from the earliest of ages.

At Trevor, parents discover a school where, from the tender age of three:
The ‘whole child’ isn’t just a buzzword. Knowing your child is our whole purpose. We nurture children into their best selves, drawing out talents and encouraging resilience.
Facilities reflect the school mission.
In Lower School, Central Park is our back yard, and our living spaces are comprised of freshly renovated, light-filled classrooms.

Our 6–12 building is a gleaming, LEED Gold facility that embodies our core values of collaboration and inquiry.
At Trevor, parents find both a refuge from our hectic city and an ambitious learning environment in which each child accomplishes the amazing.

In other words, the best of both worlds.
Hands-on means brains on
First graders engage in a year-long study of birds. Beyond books and online resources, Trevor students learn in the field—in this case, Central Park. They observe and notate, learn the art of stillness, develop an artist’s eye, and a scientist’s inquisitiveness. They meet with experts from the Wild Bird Fund to share their findings, debate hypotheses, ask probing questions, and discover the thrill of living out the scientific method.

What can your child learn in the field? How to observe, cross-reference, and really think. In first grade.
Early explorers, future entrepreneurs
Embarking on their own voyages, Trevor students learn the thrill of independent discovery, a spark they carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Our 3rd graders’ study of the indigenous Lenape and their home along the Hudson culminates with a sail on a replica of a 19th-century schooner. The trip inspires students to test their hard-earned knowledge while activating their imaginations.

Testing the water for pH and acidity levels, they confirm—or disprove—the river’s improving health. Sketching the shoreline from different vantage points, they compare their drawings with those from the 1800s, noting differences that have arisen from erosion and industrialization.
How do you learn to lead? Start early (and make it fun).
Fourth graders learn the ins and outs of the Electoral College by creating an election that has meaning to them—the race for Lower School Dragon Mascot.

The following year, nuance grows with maturity, as students find fascination in third-party candidates and teachers nimbly respond by devoting more time to our current political system. The result: civically engaged 12-year-olds.

By learning how our leaders come to lead, Trevor students understand how to take meaningful action.
Math Matters
By teaching in this way, our students don’t just learn the **how** of math, they learn the **why**.

By rooting math in real-world context, our students build foundational skills that have practical meaning in their lives. Multiplication and division are reinforced by planning an event for the grade—working out what to buy based on attendance and preferences, and making sure that everyone receives equal amounts.

Geometry comes to life as students design a home—calculating areas to fit the measured furniture.

And data takes on meaning when students survey and propose a change in schedule.
Who started it?
And why does it matter?
By the end of their N-5 experience, Trevor students are sophisticated thinkers. So we challenge them to debate what led to the Boston Massacre, giving them primary sources to dissect and historical evidence to consider, in order to weigh their hypothesis, draw their own conclusions, and map how our history still shapes the future.

Our world needs creative problem solvers more than ever. *We’re preparing them here.*
**Ambitious Academics**
From age 3 to 18, we deliver a college-prep curriculum that sparks joy in learning and leads to sophisticated academic work. Trevor teachers enhance our classic curriculum by responding to how and why each child learns, drawing out the inner scientist, mathematician, writer, historian, artist, or leader who lives within each student.

**Engaged Students**
Instead of being talked at, Trevor students take the lead, get their hands dirty, have real and challenging conversations, and figure out the world around them by *doing*. That makes them better essay writers, test takers, and lab practitioners, because there’s no substitute for experience. We inspire students to take control of their journey more and more each day, as they grow and mature. And that makes them far better learners.

**Balanced Lives**
For children, academic success and happiness need not be mutually exclusive. By letting our students breathe, gain self-awareness, and inhabit their unbounded lives, Trevor shapes children into healthy, motivated, and well-balanced adults. The very kind of adults who lead, discover, inspire, and build communities.
Our greatest pursuit is the same as yours:
know your child, and help them expand upon their innate gifts, while challenging them to go deeper.

Trevor isn’t just a choice. It’s a life-changing event for your child and your family.