Kindergarten Round-Up Saddlebrook Elementary

Meet the Principal Mrs. Lafrentz

Hello! I am thrilled to be the principal at Saddlebrook Elementary. I began teaching in 2008 at Miller Park Elementary. Throughout my time in Omaha Public Schools, I have taught 1st and 4th grade, coached teachers at all levels, assisted principals on school improvement and worked in Curriculum and Instruction Support.

When I am not being a principal, I love spending time with my family. I have three daughters who keep my husband and me very busy. They are active in many activities, like volleyball, basketball, softball, and soccer. My hobbies are reading, swimming, spending time with friends and family, and watching the Hawkeyes play.

I am truly honored to be the principal at Saddlebrook and look forward to the amazing things that we can accomplish together.



Meet the Teachers

Mrs. Goetzinger

- I have been teaching 26 years with OPS.
- My husband, Eric, and I have 2 amazing children:
- Ethan (25) who is working on his master's degree at CSM
- Allison (23) who is in grad school at Creighton University
 - In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, exercising, and spending time outside working in my garden.
- *Fun fact: My children and I all graduated from Burke High School.



Mrs. Tipler

- I have been teaching 26 years, all of them with OPS...25 of those are with my favorite kindergarten kiddos!
 - My husband, Eric, and I have 3 awesome boys!

Dylan (22)- He works full time at Oriental trading Company.

Carter (17)- He is a junior at Burke. Kyle (15)- He is a sophomore at Burke.

 In my free time, I enjoy bowling, watching baseball and football, and being with family.

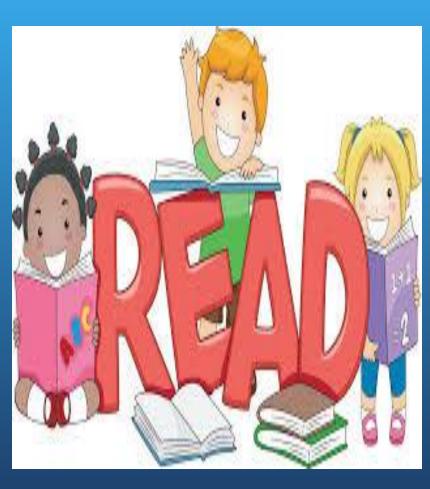


Ms. Trimble

- I have been teaching for 26 years. I have taught in Iowa, Minnesota, and now Nebraska.
 Teaching kindergarten is my dream job!
- I have 2 terrific girls: Emily, 28 and Madelyn, 24.
 - In my free time, I enjoy reading, going to the movies, Harry Potter, and watching football!



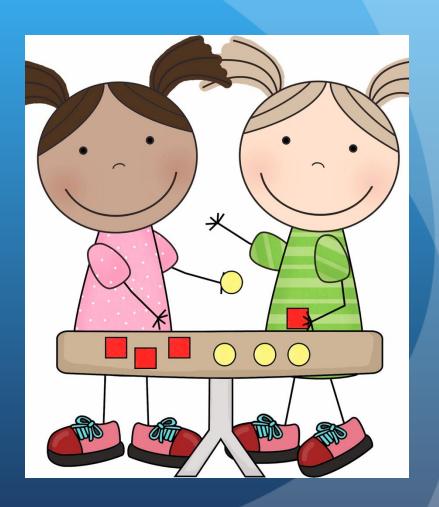
Kindergarten Reading- Into Reading and Structured Literacy



- We will learn letters, sounds and other phonological awareness skills: rhyme, beginning-middle-ending sounds, syllables, blending and segmenting.
- We will learn many new sight words to help us read books.
- We will read books for understanding and make connections with our own life.
- We will learn to write sentences that will turn into a story.

Kindergarten Math-Envision

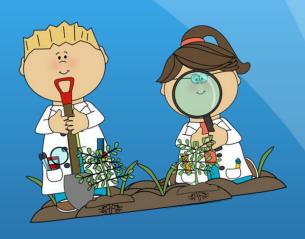
- We learn to count, identify, and represent numbers.
- We learn to add and subtract.
- We also talk about shapes, measurement, sorting, and graphing.



Social Studies and Science



- Civics- following rules and directions
- History- families: alike/differences, celebrations, national symbols
- Economics-wants and needs
- Geography- maps and globes



- Weather and Climate
- Forces and Interactionspush/pull
- Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems: Animals, Plants and Environment

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Reading

- *Exposure to letters and letter sounds
- *Recognize some of the upper/lowercase letters
- *Recognize/read own written name
- *Listen to stories and answer questions



Writing

- *Trace straight, slant, and curved lines
- *Write first name: capital letter first and lowercase letters after
- *Practice writing letters
- *Draw pictures with some details



Math

- *Identify colors
- *Identify shapes: square, rectangle, circle, triangle, oval and hexagon
- *Count to 20 in order
- *Count and tell how many objects are in a group of up to 10 objects
- *Recognize numbers 1-10

Self Help

- *Practice using a pencil, crayons and scissors correctly
- *Practice putting on and zipping coat
- *Practice tying shoes
- *Practice opening food containers and using silverware
- *Use the restroom independently
- *Practice asking for help

Kindergarten Websites

- *www.starfall.com
- *www.pbskids.org
- *www.getepic.com





Welcome to Kindergarten! See you in August!

Nurse Notes from Mrs. Beran

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Important Information from the NURSE

This is a reminder to all incoming kindergarten families that students need a physical exam, vision exam and to be up to date on all immunizations before school begins. This is a requirement based on Nebraska state law.

We recommend contacting your child's healthcare provider now, as spots can fill up quickly. Families can also visit a school-based health center.

The required documents are:

- -Physical Exam (completed on or after March 1ৼৣ of the current year) -Immunizations
- -Vision Exam (completed on or after March 1st of the current year_ *May be completed by an Optometrist, Ophthalmologist, or your child's health care provider

Bring copies of health information to school before the start of the school year OR have the health care provider fax records to the school -Attention: School Nurse. (Fax #: 531-299-2039)

If you have already submitted this information, no additional paperwork is needed.

Key Information

Make appointment for kindergarten physical after March 1

**Return listed documents to Health
Office**

- Immunization record
- Physical/vision exam.
- Asthma/Allergy Action Plan
- Care providers order for medication to be given at school (includes over-the-counter)
- Other emergency care plans: diabetic care, seizure plan, g-tube feeding
- Note from dental provider with last examedate

Kids Club

Key Information

- Registration is online at opsfkidsclub.org
- \$30 registration per child
- \$90 per week
- AM only \$60
 PM only \$50
- Kindergarten kiddos will be walked to class
- Hours: opens at 6:30am and closes at 6:00pm



Things you can do at home

- Read with your child
- · Count with your child
- Talk with your child
- Play with your child
- Write with your child
- Learn with your child
- Have fun with your child





Thank you for choosing us to work with and teach your child.

Once a Green Wave,
Always a Green Wave!

Class of 2038

