

Welcome to Kindergarten! - Meet the Kindergarten Team



Miss Curtis

Hi Kindergarteners! I am so excited to meet all of you this fall. This will be my second year teaching Kindergarten at Knapp and I know it's going to be a great year. I graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2016 with a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Social Studies. I like to spend my spare time with family and friends, and my dog, Toby. When I have time, I also enjoy shopping, traveling, and reading. I hope you are enjoying your summer, and I look forward to meeting you very soon!



Ms. Gibson

Welcome to Kindergarten! We are going to have an AMAZING year of learning together. I can't wait to dive into learning with you! I am a graduate of Ferris State University with a degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis on Early Childhood, Social Studies, and Language Arts. This winter I will graduate with my Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at Grand Valley State University. This fall will be my eleventh year at Knapp. Before joining the Kindergarten team this year, I taught Young 5's for 8 years here at Knapp. I am so excited to watch Knapp's young learners grow and excel. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my beautiful daughter, Kayleigh who will be celebrating her ninth birthday this September. As a family, we love to read, sing, dance and explore new things. In my free time I enjoy making crafts, painting, watching movies, shopping and spending time creating new things to explore and teach my students. I am so very excited to start our journey of learning. We are going to have a wonderful time! Enjoy your summer. I can't wait to see you in the fall!



Mrs. Rubio

I attended Central Michigan University where I received my Bachelor's Degree as well as my Master's Degree in Early Childhood. I have taught 14 years at Knapp and I look forward to teaching a new group of Kindergarten students. I love how the staff and administration is very supportive of each other and puts forth 100% towards educating all their students. I have been happily married for 25 years and we have a 20 year old son and 17 year old daughter. Our Labradoodle named Rudy also makes life very interesting. During my "spare" time I love to shop, spend time in the sun, and go out to eat. I am excited to meet all the new Kindergarten students in the fall!

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Kindergarten "Highlights"

In kindergarten we learn about a lot of topics! Some highlights are animals, magnets, plants, community helpers, the five senses, and economics! We will also learn all about letters, letter sounds and how to read.

Exciting Opportunities

With school of choice, parents have an opportunity to choose a school for their child. With that in mind, parents have to look at many different aspects of a school and decide which would be the best fit for their child and allow their child to develop academically.

Knapp Academy has the best of both of these: a perfect fit for any child and exceptional academics. Knapp teachers greet students at their doors with a warm welcome and handshake making students feel appreciated and cared for as soon as they enter the classroom. With that mindset, students feel more comfortable to express themselves and try their best in class. Students also participate in activities where they get to know each other, respect differences, and learn from each other's strengths.

A Standard of Excellence

The kindergarten team is very focused on making sure your child meets all of their educational objectives. We take pride in giving every student the best educational experience and we do this by teaching the students at their own individual level.

We work closely with one another to make sure that we are sharing our strengths and weaknesses as a team. We meet weekly to plan strategies and resources that will best meet the state objectives as well as the needs of our students.

Supply List:

Regular sized backpack -large enough for a folder, labeled with first and last name (to be brought daily).

The small ones that are used for younger children are very difficult to fit items in.

1 Daily Plastic Folder –please label with first and last name on the front of the folder (top, right corner).

1 pack of Elmer's Glue Sticks (regular size not jumbo packs of 2 or more)

2 boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons

2-3 packs of fine point Expo Dry Erase Markers

2 containers of Clorox wipes

2 boxes of tissue

1 roll of paper towel

1 Purell hand sanitizer with pump (8-12oz)

1 ream of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper

1 set of headphones – please label with your student's name

1 pair of tennis shoes for PE classes

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