



Welcome to Kindergarten!

Meet your Teacher:

Ms. Lard

My name is Sidney Lard and I am so excited to be teaching at Vista! I am originally from Chicago, but cannot imagine living anywhere else besides Michigan! I graduated from Aquinas College with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and ESL.

In my free time I enjoy traveling and have been to nine different countries and 27 states! I'm an avid camper and enjoy most anything outdoors...especially snowmobiling. I have two cats who are complete divas named Eggo and Moe. My favorite color is blue, and I can bake some mean snicker doodles. I am looking forward to an incredible year of learning and growing in Kindergarten and I can't wait to meet you!

Supply list:

Please *write your name* on these items:

Complete change of clothes in a gallon size zip-lock bag

Art shirt Gym shoes 1 pair of earbuds (for daily computer use)

DO NOT write your name on these items:

2 boxes of Kleenex

Backpack (no wheels, please)

2 boxes of 24 count **Crayola** crayons

8 **Crayola** glue sticks

1 pair of **Fiskar** scissors (blunt tip)

4 - 2 pocket, **3 prong plastic** folders

8 black **EXPO** whiteboard markers

2 rolls of paper towel

2 containers of **disinfectant** wipes

1 box of 24 count **Ticonderoga** pencils

1 pink PaperMate eraser

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Kindergarten “Highlights”

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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.

Vista Academy has the best of both of these: a perfect fit for any child, and exceptional academics. Vista 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 plan strategies and resources that will best meet the state objectives as well as the needs of our students.

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Mrs. Sarjeant

My name is Kailani Sarjeant and I love teaching at Vista! I am originally from Hawaii and grew up on the Windward side of O'ahu. I earned my undergraduate degree from Aquinas College and a Master's Degree in Reading from Western Michigan University. I am a certified Reading Specialist for grades K-12 and have 23 years of teaching experience. I am a proud member of the International Literacy Association, Michigan Reading Association, and the Kent Reading Council. My husband and I have been married for 19 wonderful years and we have two great kids!

In my free time I enjoy cooking and baking, reading, being active in my church, and attending my kids' athletic events. As a family, we enjoy camping, traveling, and supporting great causes – especially local charities! I am afraid of frogs, my favorite color is red, and I don't like pizza! I am looking forward to a great year of learning and growing in Kindergarten and I can't wait to meet you!

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Miss Schuster

My name is Katie Schuster and I am so excited to start the school year! I was born and raised in Northern Michigan and moved to the Grand Rapids area this spring! I earned my undergraduate degree from Northern Michigan University and a Master's Degree in Teaching English Language Learners from Eastern Michigan University. I absolutely love teaching and have taught all age groups in locations around the world including Michigan, the Dominican Republic, China, and the Czech Republic!

In my free time I love to read, explore new places, and spend time with my friends and family! My passion is travel and I am hoping to see the world! I love to dance, but I'm not very good at it! I am afraid of heights and my favorite colors are blue, grey, and purple! My favorite food is pasta or potatoes, but I really do not like coffee! I am looking forward to a great year of learning and growing in Kindergarten and I can't wait to meet you!

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