

Prairie Creek Elementary School

Kindergarten Roundup!

2021-22



About our school

- **School colors:** Silver & Black
- **Mascot:** Panthers
- **Current enrollment:** 370
- **Grades:** Pre-K - 5th grade
- **Current staff:** 78
- **Mission statement:** We, the Prairie Creek Community: **Keep** learning first, **Invest** in our future, **Do** our best, **Strive** for excellence





About our district

- **Enrollment:** Approx. 5,800, drawing from Andover and East Wichita
- **Schools:** Six elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools, one virtual schools
- **Staff:** Approx. 800
- **Mission statement:** Andover Public Schools prepares learners for a changing world by creating meaningful educational opportunities that equip and empower students to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

Portrait of a Graduate

Academic preparation

- Has skills and knowledge to pursue life goals
- Has real-world experience to succeed after high school

Collaboration and communication

- Works well with others
- Values teamwork

Innovative thinking

- Thinks critically and independently
- Solves problems creatively

Integrity and character

- Has strong work ethic
- Does the right thing

Resilience

- Learns from mistakes and failures
- Adapts to an ever-changing world



Our school's staff

Principal



Shelley Jonas

Office staff



Teri Gee



Sabrina Holcomb



Our school's staff

Counselor



Kim Bradford

Nurse



Jessica Collins



Kindergarten teachers



Stacey
Klausmeyer



Kayla Nelson



Other teachers



Jamie Clark,
art



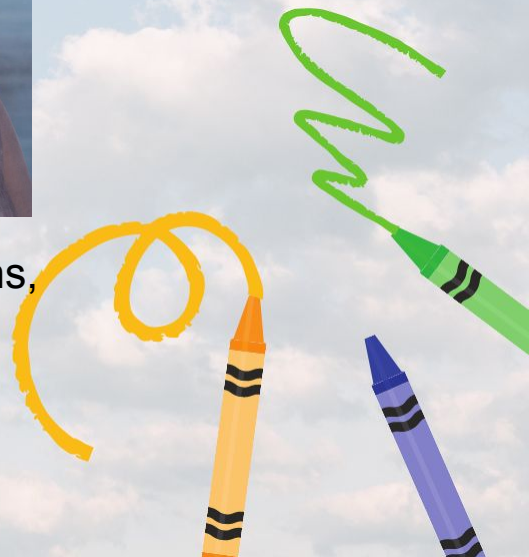
Scott Lee,
physical education



Becky Routh,
music



Cindi Salmans,
library



Kindergarten support



Cyndi Bass,
Reading Support



Tena Roskam,
English Language
Learners



Melanie Hutchinson,
English Language
Learners



Kindergarten support



Eryn John,
Resource Room



Betsy Bumgarner,
Speech/ Language
Pathologist



Other support



- **PTO:** Jennifer Eimers, president
- **YMCA Key Academy (latchkey info click [here](#)):** Chris Brown, Program Coordinator
- **Food Service:** Jennifer West
- **Transportation:** Durham School Services



Life as a
kindergartner

Life as a kindergartner

What we teach:

- [Kansas Career and Readiness Standards](#)
- [Journeys Reading Program](#)
- [Pathways to Reading Program](#)
- New math curriculum next year
- [Mystery Science](#)
- Social studies and health
- Art, music PE and library

How we teach:

- Hands-on learning
- Literacy stations
- Cooperative learning
- Group collaboration projects
- Show and tell
- Snack time
- Recess
- Play



What to look forward to!



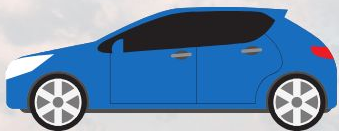
Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival:

Students should not arrive earlier than 8:30, as it creates a supervision problem. We appreciate you assisting us in keeping all of our students safe. Our doors will remain locked until our first bell at 8:30. Students arriving prior to that time will need to wait with their parents or supervising party. Afternoon only classes should not arrive before 12:30.

Student arriving on the school bus, will be dismissed from the bus at 8:35, with the first bell. They will go directly to class. Students eating breakfast will be dismissed earlier if possible to begin eating breakfast.

Students being dropped off will drop students off at the curb on the West side of the building. Please enter the drop off line from Yorktown entering on the far south entrance. Please have your children ready to depart when you arrive at the area in front of the doors. A quick departure helps the line to move through smoothly. Early Childhood and PreK students will be dropped off in the morning in the east parking lot at 8:35.



Arrival & Dismissal

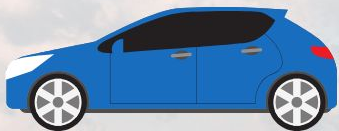
Dismissal:

All bus students exit the North doors.

Kdg – 5th students who are car riders, will exit through the gym door. Each family is assigned a number. Students will be notified when you arrive via their number in class. Please have your family name/number card clear and visible in your windshield. It is important that you pull up as far as possible to allow us to dismiss the students smoothly and quickly. We appreciate your help with this process.

We do not allow parents to park and walk up to get their child(ren). It creates an unsafe situation and therefore, cannot be allowed. Please watch your speed and attention in the carrider area as there are many children exiting to their cars and/or walking home. We strive to create a safe environment for our student's dismissal.

Early Childhood/PreK students who are car riders, will be escorted and picked up in the east parking lot. Students will be walked out to reunite with their parent/guardian.



Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast

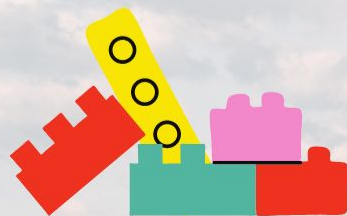
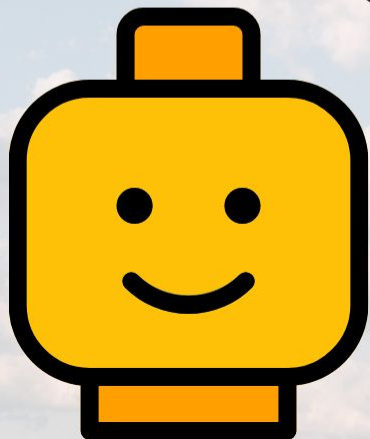
- Students can eat breakfast at school
- Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Menu can be found online

Lunch

- 30 minutes during the day
- Cost TBD
- Students receive a lunch number at the beginning of the year and will use it to get their meal
- Menus are available on the district website. Food service sends our weekly emails with meal balances
- Lunches brought from home are welcome. Please make sure your child can open containers. Kindergartners may not use the microwave



Let's work
together!

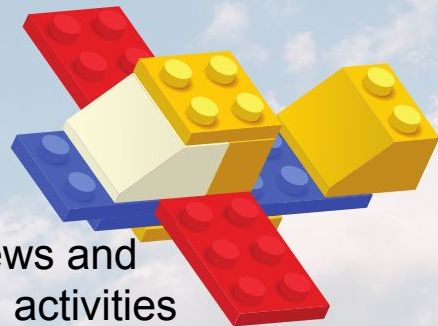


What can you do to make it a good school year?

- Communicate with the teacher
- Volunteer in the classroom (if district Covid guidelines allow)
- Keep schedule changes to a minimum. When a change is necessary, please contact the teacher and the office.
- Keep email addresses and phone numbers updated in PowerSchool



Communication

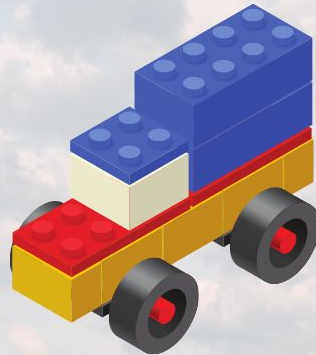


Prairie Creek has several ways in which we try to communicate our news and views to the world. We also use School Messenger to share upcoming activities through phone calls and emails. Please ensure your phone number and email address are correct so you can receive these important messages.

- School website: <https://prairiecreek.usd385.org/>
- School Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Prairie%20Creek%20Elementary/660789047367103/>
- PTO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/prairiecreekpto>
- Prairie Creek Twitter: [@PCEpanthers385](https://twitter.com/PCEpanthers385)
- Andover Twitter: <https://twitter.com/AndoverSchools>
- Andover Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AndoverPublicSchools>

What can you do?

- Help your child be able to write his/her name.
- Your child needs opportunities for play outside of school.
- Reading to your child daily is important..
- Writing exploration at home is critical.
- At elementary level research does not support homework as a rule.
At Prairie Creek we do encourage reading logs and practice on math facts/concepts.
- Hands on experiences are another teacher for your child.





What's
next?

Kindergarten visitation

Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to spend a day in a kindergarten classroom in August. During this visitation, some initial assessments will be done and then class lists will be created. Our hope is that we will be able to balance classroom needs by providing this visitation time. More information to come this summer



Intent to Register form

- Intent to Register does **NOT** need to be completed for current Pre-K or Early Childhood students
- If your student is NEW to Andover Public Schools please complete our Intent to Register form.

**Available now at usd385.org (under “Quick Links”)
or by clicking [here](#)**

- Please complete this form soon



Online Registration

- **Registration opens July 20**
- You will receive an email via School Messenger with details
- You will need a birth certificate, two proofs of residency and immunization records.
- Proofs of residency can include a mortgage statement, house contract or lease agreement; and a utility statement.
- Transportation can be selected during the registration process.



Kindergarten fees

- Fees are \$125 (\$100 for registration, plus \$25 for technology), paid at the time of registration. Fees can be paid via RevTrak (link at usd385.org) or via check/cash at the school.
- Transportation fees can be paid online or with check/cash at the District Office.
- Students will need a food service account to purchase meals.
- Applications for free/reduced meals are available at usd385.org >> Departments >> Food Service. (Must be completed annually.)
- Students approved for free/reduced meals also are eligible for free/reduced fees



Kindergarten Orientation

- Orientation Days: Aug. 11, 12 and 13. Your child will attend school one of those days.
- Specific information regarding the date(s) and time(s) your child will attend will be communicated in early August.
- Parents will provide transportation on these days.
- Monday, Aug. 16 - First day for all kindergarten students - 8:45 - 3:45



We're excited to learn
with the Class of 2034!

