

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

Meadowlark Elementary Bozeman Public Schools

## Get to Know Mrs. Rasmussen



This is my fourteenth year as a classroom teacher, and my seventh year at Meadowlark School. I am very excited about being your child's Kindergarten teacher as it is my favorite grade level and my Master's Thesis was on Preschool Readiness/Kindergarten Assessments. My passion is truly at the primary level. My educational degrees include a bachelors in Child Psychology, Family Development, and Elementary Education as well as a masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Know your child will be in very capable hands. I am a Bozeman native and love living in

the area. I graduated from the University of Montana, Missoula with both my undergraduate and graduate degrees. My greatest feat in college though, was to remain a Bobcat fan at a Grizzly school. Go Bobcats! I am married and my husband also has a passion for education. Even though we have no children of our own, we are kids at heart going to Disney World for our vacation (see my picture on the side). My favorite color is red and I love chocolate. I spend my summer gardening and cooking but can't wait to meet all of you!

## Information about Kindergarten

We differentiate instruction for Kindergartners in all subjects. We have a balanced literacy program for reading and language arts (Guided reading and writing, phonics, phonemic awareness, phonic readers, big books/little books, poems, songs, and exposure to text). We will have journaling and other writing opportunities during class. The Kindergarten math program involves hands-on manipulatives. We focus on

counting & cardinality, geometry, base 10, measurement, addition, and subtraction.

I believe in positive reinforcement in the classroom. I want students to feel in control of their choices and consequences. For learning to occur at its optimum, it is essential that students have defined expectations and a caring learning environment. I believe that every student can learn and has talents.



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## Parent Orientation, Tuesday Sept 3rd 6:00-7:00

Parent Only Orientation is Tuesday, September 3rd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the gym first and then in our classroom, room 113. During this time you will have an opportunity to meet the principal for some overall school information.

I will be presenting the ABC's of Kindergarten at Meadowlark. This handbook will provide you with ample information about our classroom, schedules, curriculum, behavior expectations, and much more. Please feel free to bring questions to this session for me to answer.

## Supply Drop Off, Friday Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 2:30-3:30

Kindergarten families are invited to a supply drop off at Meadowlark School. This is an opportunity for your child to see the classroom with you for the first time and drop off their school supplies with a fun rhyming activity around the room for you to do together.

**Please bring your school supplies to drop off at this time, below is a list for your convenience.**

- \*Backpack (big enough to put picture books in)-label with your child's name
- \*1 Box of Tissue
- \*2 Large Boxes of Snack Crackers to share
- \***Velcro** tennis shoes left at school & used for gym-label with child's name
- \*16 glue sticks
- \*1 Bottle White Elmer's Glue
- \*1 Box of Crayons
- \*2 Boxes of Classic Colored Thick Markers
- \*1 Box Colored Pencils
- \*4 Black White Board Markers
- \*Gallon size baggie with change of clothes-Pants, shirt, socks, underwear
- \*Water bottle labeled with your child's name to be left at school to use
- \*Stuffed animal that can remain at school (small size, 12" or less)
- \*Family Picture to go on our "Friends and Family" board

## Child Orientation September 3rd -5th, First Full Day September 6th

Please meet us in our classroom for fun books, a school tour, and to get going in the school routines. During this time your child will have an opportunity to meet all of their classmates together for activities. In order to make transitions as smooth as possible, we ease into routines with orientation days having students only come a couple hours each day and the first FULL day being Friday, September 6th.



**For more information about Kindergarten and our class check out my teacher website at**

**[www.mrsrasmussen113.weebly.com](http://www.mrsrasmussen113.weebly.com)**