

Carrie Knause Early Childhood
Learning Center Welcomes You to
Kindergarten!



A book to help your transition into Kindergarten be a smooth one!



Welcome to Carrie Knause! There are many important places in our school.



The front office is where the school secretaries Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Brecht work.



The Principal, Mrs. Binder, also works in the office!



In our school, there are three Kindergarten teachers. One of your teachers will either be Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Doughty, or Mrs. Prestage.



Ms. Vance

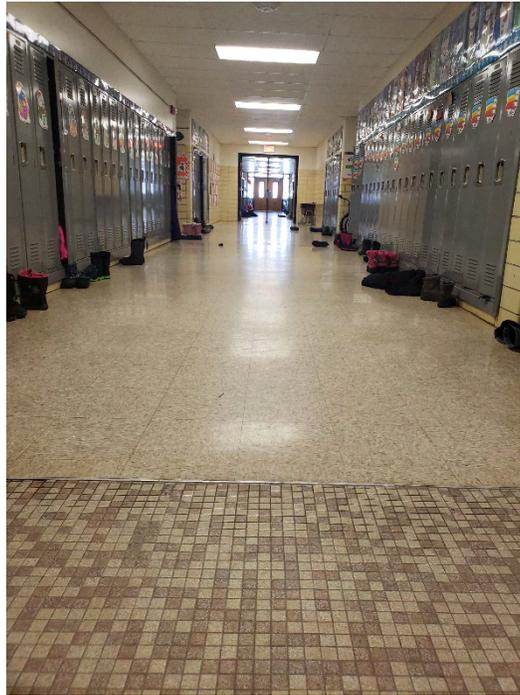


Mrs. Doughty



Mrs. Prestage

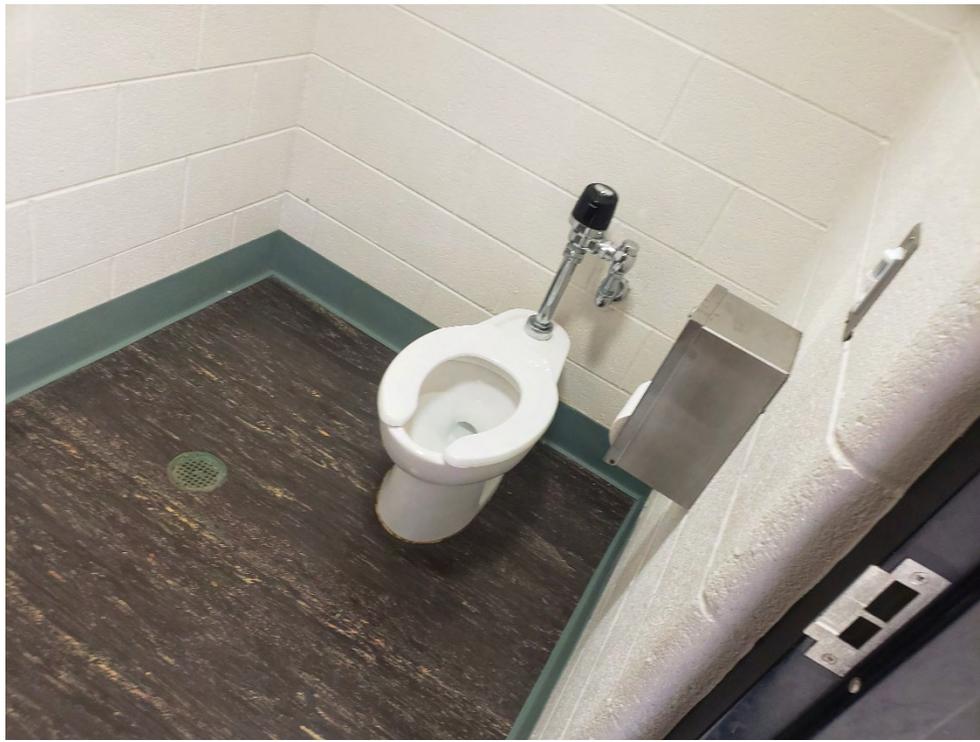
Our school shares a hallway with the 1st graders. 1st graders are in the first half of the hallway and Kindergarten is in the second half. It is important to be at school every day, because Kindergarten matters!



Our school has lockers in the hallway (to keep coats and winter gear in), then cubbies in the classroom as well. Teachers have students keep their backpacks inside the room in their cubbies.



Every Kindergarten classroom has its own bathroom. Kindergarteners “flush, wash, and leave!”



When you arrive at school in the morning you will come right to the gym/cafeteria for breakfast. You will put your backpack in a designated spot for everyone in your classroom. After you eat you will get your backpack, get in line, and be taken to your classroom. This is the cafeteria where you will eat breakfast and lunch with your Kindergarten class.



All the kids use the same playground. Kindergarten classes will have their own kindergarten recess in the morning but at lunch time the recesses overlap so they may be outside for a bit with first and/or second grade students. This is the playground where you will be playing!



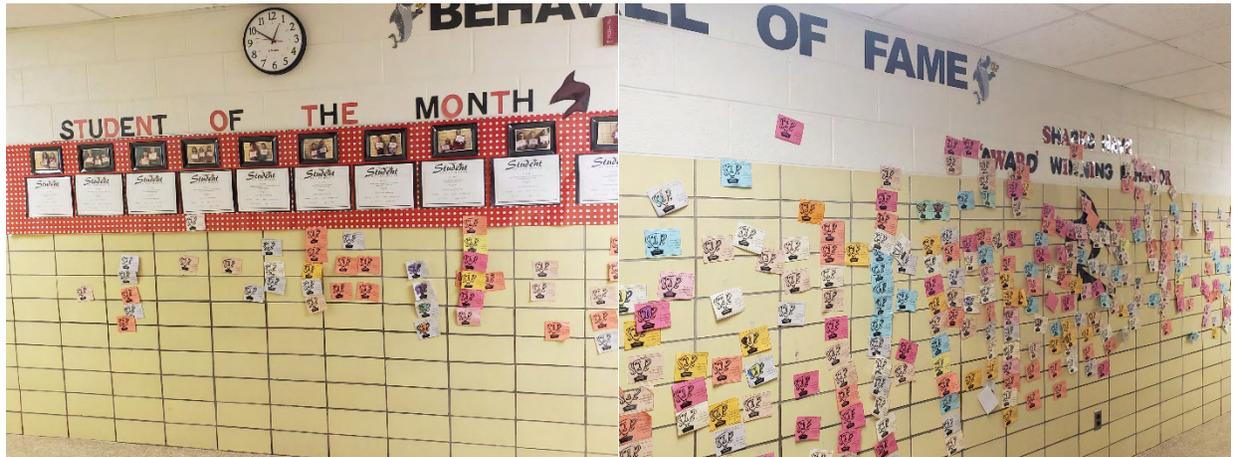
You will have access to many learning tools. Our school has a computer lab that teachers may take their students to. Classrooms have iPad minis in them (however they are starting to die off and are not being replaced at this time). The grade level does have a Chromebook cart but each kindergarten teacher has varying comfort levels using them with their students (typically used later in the year with the kids).



Kindergarteners participate in different electives. You will have physical education, music and life skills. Kindergarteners also meet weekly as a grade level for Second Step lesson (a social emotional program).



Each month there is a character trait that teachers look for (responsibility, respect, trustworthiness, etc.) and teachers choose 1-2 students to be "student of the month." Teachers also give out "trophies" for kids displaying good behavior (respectful, responsible and safe) during the week and their paper trophies go on the wall then on Friday all the names are read off over the announcements. Mrs. Binder will pull 5-6 names to come get something out of the prize box in her office!



Our school also celebrates great behaviors with "behavior incentives." Students who are awarded will get to go shopping at the "Best Behavior Boutique." Each student receives a pretend dollar to spend at the store. They also will be treated to an ice cream sundae in their classrooms!



If you ride the bus, Kindergarten students will get picked up at their door (older kids have to walk to a bus stop) and then all kids are dropped off together at the front of the school to come in the building and go to the gym. All kids can then eat breakfast if they wish (free universal breakfast and lunch for all kids) Teachers come down to get them from the gym when school starts.



If a family member drops you off, he or she will drop you off at the main door. There is a staff member there to greet you and take you to the gym. Parents will need to park and get out to walk their child in if they want to. Parents are encouraged to let their child walk to class with their teacher/classmates and not be allowed to walk to class with them after the first week of school.

If a family member picks you up at the end of the day, they will be allowed in the building at 3:00 to wait IN the gym, not lining the hallways. Teachers will bring the kids down to the gym!



We are excited to have you at
Carrie Knause Early Childhood Learning
Center where
Kindergarten matters!

