

Meet the TEACHER

Welcome to Developmental Kindergarten!

I am SO excited for the opportunity to grow with your child this year! There are numerous activities and events on the schedule this school year that will help your child grow academically, socially, and emotionally. It's so important that we work as a team to provide a very happy, comfortable, and safe experience for your child. I trust we will have a wonderful year of learning together, as each child reaches their fullest potential! Your child is going to LOVE school, and it is my goal to make their time in DK a positive memory they may never forget!

About Me

Education? I would love to share a little bit about my professional experience and credentials with you. I graduated with my bachelors' degree from Ferris State University, and am currently in pursuit of a Master's Degree in Early Childhood. I have been so privileged to be working within the Northview School District at West Oakview for several years! This will be year #11 for me so I know it will be a special year with your child!

Family Life? I have a wonderful husband named Ralph, and we have two sweet little girls and are eagerly anticipating baby #3's arrival the first week of August! Ella is in 1st grade this year at West, and Charley is in preschool. We also have an extremely handsome 9 year old chocolate lab who is our "fur baby", his name is Axle. He also keeps us very active and always well slobbered on! We live north of Grand Rapids, and in my free time I enjoy being outdoors working in our garden, going to the lake, reading, and making memories with family & friends!

I am truly looking forward to working with all of you, and getting to know your child! Teaching young children is one of life's greatest gifts given to me, and I thank you for entrusting me with your most precious gift of all!

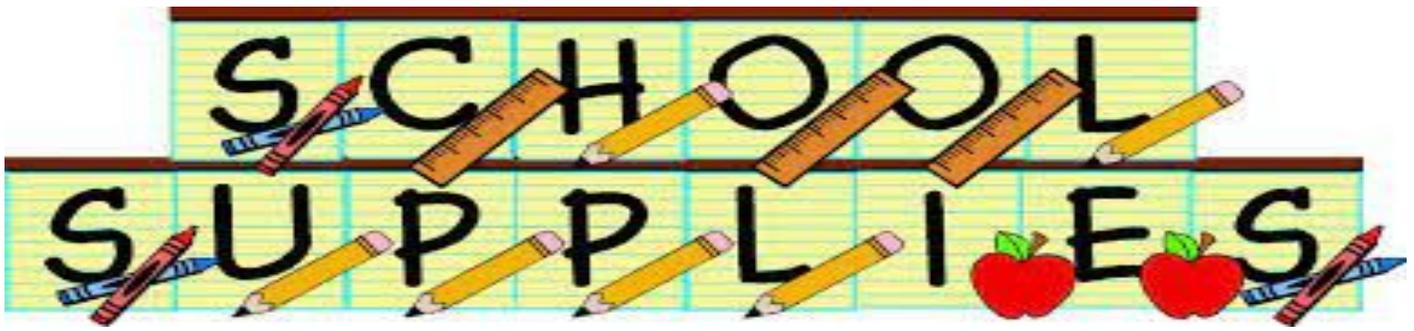
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Favorites

- Food:** Pizza
- Drink:** Peach Tea
- Candy:** Dark Chocolate
- Hobby:** Anything outside!
- Book:** The Pout Pout Fish
- Subject:** Writing
- Color:** Blue

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Supply Item Needed:	Why and/or Quantity Needed:
Paper work: turn in any paperwork you have yet to turn in into the front office.	to ensure we have everything needed for your child's enrollment.
\$40 Activity Fee <u>•This MUST BE PAID by the first week of school.</u>	This covers special crafts and projects done throughout the school year, a West Oakview Tee shirt (holiday craft supplies, special gifts/materials, and snacks for students who may forget to send one in. Example: a graham cracker or pretzels for those who forget a snack that day!) and hopefully a couple special field trips! (pending health/safety rules).
Backpack	Please send your child's backpack everyday! A large enough backpack to hold their folder, lunch box, art projects, and winter gear in the cold months! Bigger is better! PLEASE LABEL THEIR BACKPACK WITH THEIR NAME OR INITIALS.
Lunch Box	If you plan on sending a lunch from home, please make sure their lunch box/bag is labeled with their name.
Crayola Crayons	Quantity needed: 2 boxes One box will be put into their supply box for their own personal use, and I will save one and refill as needed.
Crayola Washable Markers	Quantity needed: 2 boxes One box will be put into their supply box for their own personal use, and I will save one and refill as needed.
Elmer's Glue Sticks	Quantity needed: as many as you are willing to send! I will place one in their supply box to start the year and refill as needed.
Children's Scissors	Quantity needed: 1
Sturdy 2 pocket folder	Quantity Needed: 1 folder Will be used as their "Friday Folder". The cardboard ones that are shiny and slightly oversized are the best! They sell them everywhere in August and come in cool designs. I will put a sticker on it with their name, class, etc., so you will not need to label it. This will come home every Friday for you to empty out and send back on Mondays.
Tissues	1 box or as many as you wish to donate
Expo Dry Erase Markers	Quantity Needed: 1 package of regular size expo dry erase. Multi colored are even better!
Corded Headphones	Quantity Needed: 1 (no earbuds please!)
Baby Wipes	Quantity Requested: 1 pack Although these are not a "required" supply they are certainly helpful to our classroom in cleaning up restroom needs as they arise. Thank you!