

# Welcome to Kindergarten

University School  
Class of 2034



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Began my teaching career in 1999 as a student teacher in 3rd grade at University School



# My Howe Family



# My Ho Family



# My Dogs

Maggie

Sadie

and

Poppy

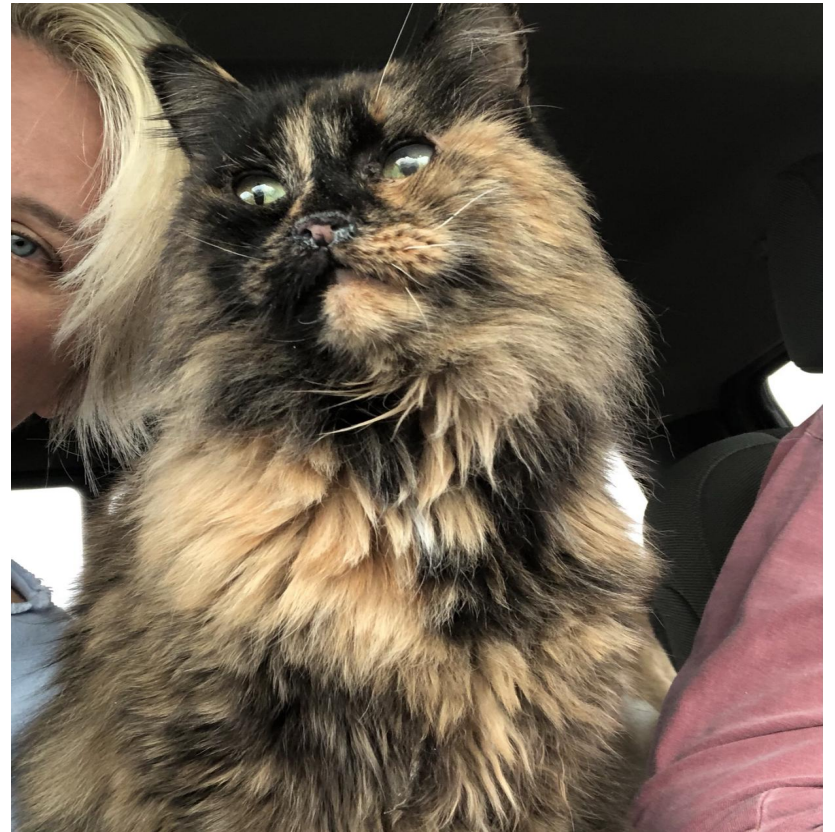


# My Cats

Smokey Elvis



Katie Cat



# And the Baby

You can like and follow Emmett October, Orange Cat on facebook. He loves to share his many adventures!





And now I will share with you my philosophy of teaching, and life in general, really, by reading one of my favorite storybooks.



(This book is ALMOST as old as I am!)



# My Hopes and Dreams for Kindergarten

- To build a solid foundation of trust and warmth among the children and between the adults and children.
- To give children a sense of academic competence. You can do this!
- To create a classroom where it is safe to take risks, make mistakes, and work to fix those mistakes.
- To nurture children's sense of belonging and help them know how important they each are to our group.
- To nurture children's work ethic.
- To teach children to care for one another and our school environment.
- To excite children about learning and improving their skill levels.



If we think about Kindergarten as Mr. Plumbean's Street, what do you want your student's house to look like?

Please take some time to thoughtfully complete the Parent Hopes and Dreams sheet in your folder. It will help us to align our goals and communicate throughout the year.

I am so grateful and happy to welcome your family to University School and begin this academic journey together. My goal is to help your student reach their full potential both socially and academically. I want your child to love school and love learning. I want to work together as a team with each family to make sure that we are working towards common goals at all times.

Let me share with you a few policies and procedures to help us get off to a great start.

School day: 8:00 - 3:00

Morning Arrival: Side doors open at 7:30 and students report to the cafeteria. Classrooms open at 7:50 for students to begin the day.

Tardies/Absences: If your child arrives after 8:00, it is your responsibility to sign them in at the office and pick up a tardy slip. If your student will be absent for the day, or leaving early, please send a message to me and to the school office as early as possible.

Items from Home: Please do not send in any toys or electronics from home.

Change of Clothes: Accidents happen and we want everyone to be comfortable in their clothes at school. Please have a change of clothes for your student in a gallon sized ziploc bag and keep it in the backpack. I will send you a message to let you know if, when, and why your child needed to change at school.

Transportation: If your transportation plans for your child change, please notify me in writing.

Snacks: Depending on when our lunchtime is scheduled, we will have either a morning or afternoon snacktime. Your child will need to bring an individual snack from home.

Birthdays: We love to celebrate birthdays. We have a special song and birthday activity we do in class and you are welcome to send in special treats for the day if you would like.

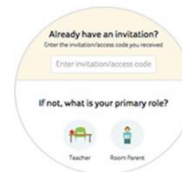
# bloomz

I use the bloomz class messaging app to send you announcements and important information. Please use the instructions here to join our class.



## Please join Kindergarten 2021-2022 class on Bloomz!

Bloomz is a new app that works both on your smartphone as well as on your computer. You will receive quick updates and photos of class activities, be able to access our class calendar, and more. All in a private and secure environment.



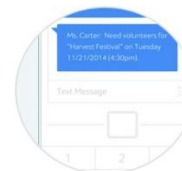
### New Bloomz Parent

1. Download the "Bloomz" app from the AppStore/PlayStore and click on "Enter Code". If browser, go to [bloomz.com](https://bloomz.com) and click on "Join Bloomz" followed by "Enter Code"
2. In the text box, enter **V4DCUG**
3. Create your account



### Existing Bloomz Parent

1. Log into your Bloomz account
2. Click "+Add Class/Group" on the left navigation.
3. In the text box, enter **V4DCUG**
4. Click next



### ... or join using text messaging instead

Text **@V4DCUG** to 1-858-BLOOMZ1 (1-858-256-6691) to receive 1-way text messages from your teacher

Need help? Go to [support.bloomz.com](https://support.bloomz.com) or email us at [support@bloomz.com](mailto:support@bloomz.com)



# Classroom Management

In the Responsive Classroom model, the teacher will:

- Respect the child and the child's goal of being an important member of the class.
- Build on children's capabilities
- Teach necessary social skills
- Increase responsibilities when students are ready for them
- Support student success with encouragement and empowering language
- Help children fix mistakes and regain self control
- Teach ethical thinking and mutual problem solving as tools for community building
- Guide students to think and act in caring and responsible ways.





# Students will

- Develop self control and demonstrate responsible behaviors
- Develop positive relationships with their teachers and peers
- Build the skills of caring, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self control (CARES)
- Understand and respect the rules
- Develop self respect

## Responsive Classroom

I have completed Level 1 and Level 2 training through Responsive Classroom. I completed Level 1 in Wilmington, DE and Level 2 in Alexandria, VA. Both courses were week long immersives held in public elementary schools.





**This year in Kindergarten, you will make  
new friends,**





Be silly and have fun,





Learn new skills,



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And march to the beat of your own drum!



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It's going to be a great year!

