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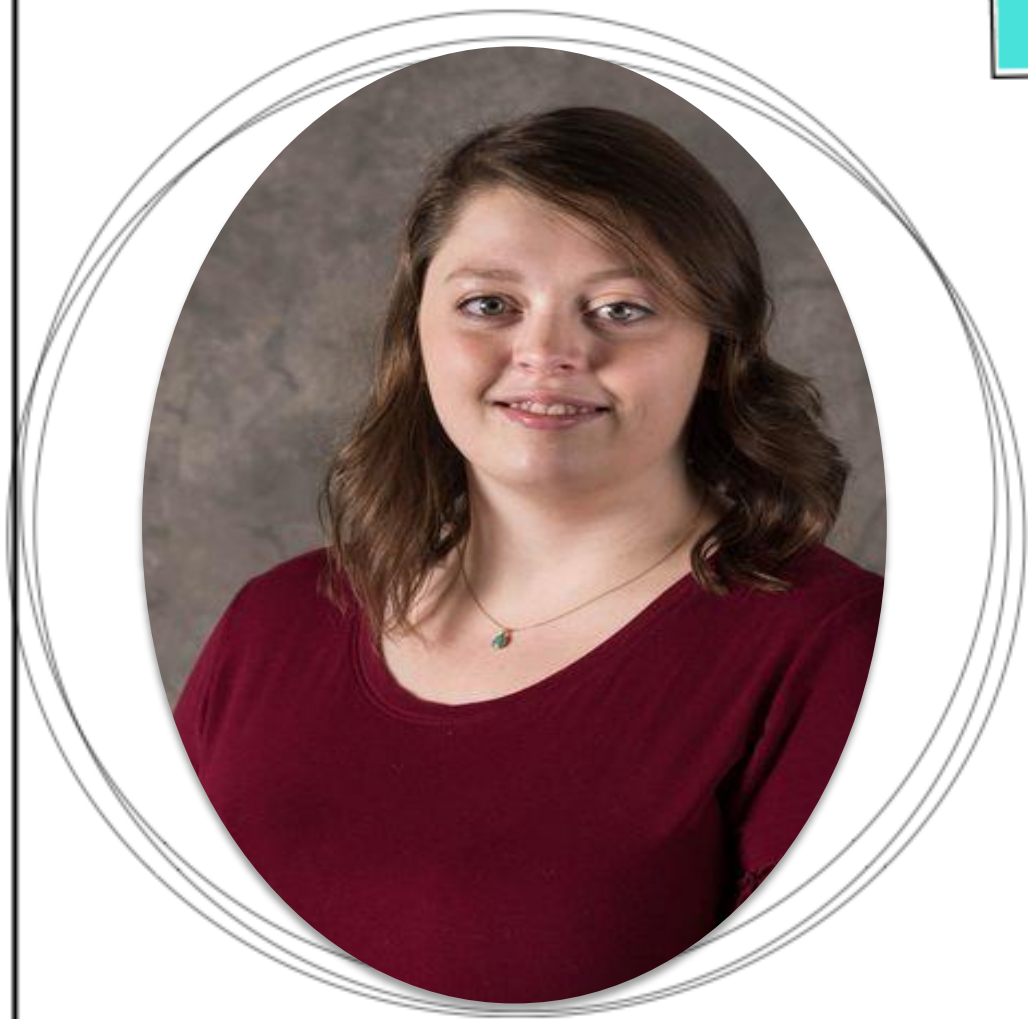
# open house!

Laurel Elementary

Pre-K & Kindergarten

2020-21

# meet the teacher

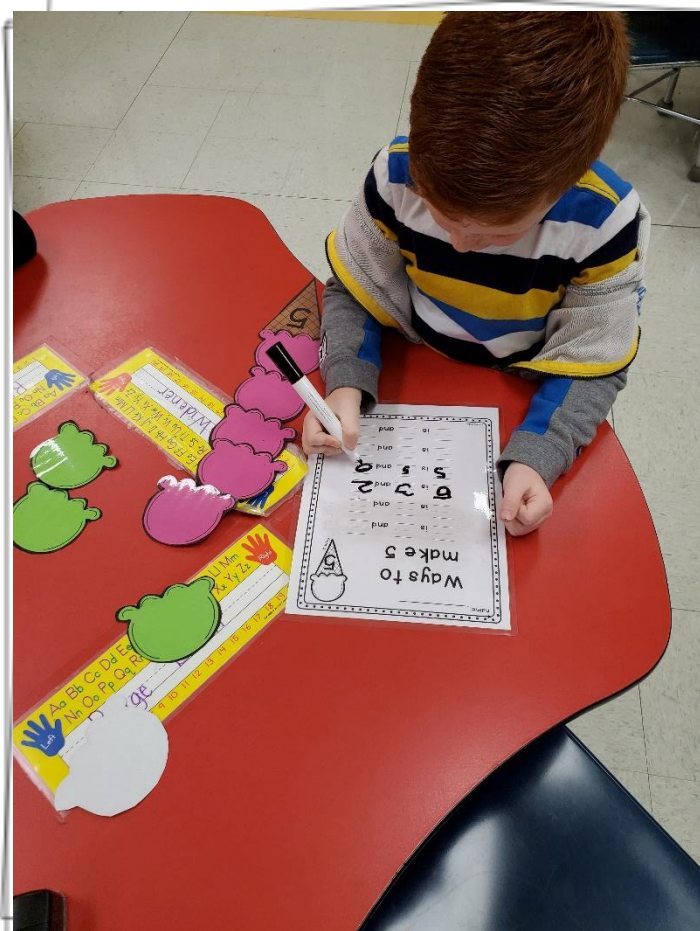


Hello, I am Mrs. Katelin Vincent and I can't wait to start this school year! This is my 5<sup>th</sup> year teaching at Laurel. I went to Laurel as a kid, so I am happy to be able to teach here now. I have a master's degree in early childhood education, and I am very passionate about early learning. I look forward to getting to know your child and teaching them this year!



# visit our

# Classroom



# all about



# arrival

- School opens at 7:45
- Pre-K and Kindergarten will eat breakfast in the gym
- Pre-K has to be signed in every morning in the sign-in book in the gym



# all about



# dismissal

- Pre-K can be signed out from the gym at 3:05
- Kindergarten can be picked up from the gym at 3:10
- Buses will arrive at the school for bus riders at approximately 3:30

\*Pre-K cannot ride the bus to and from school – you will need to provide transportation\*

# list of

# supplies

All school supplies are provided by generous donations from our community! All you need to send with your child on their first day is a bookbag large enough to fit a 3-ring binder (no wheels please). Pre-K students will also need a 2-inch thick vinyl/plastic nap mat.

If you would like to donate supplies, these are always appreciated:

Disinfectant wipes  
Dry erase markers  
Crayons

3x5 index cards  
Hand sanitizer  
Ziploc bags (any size)

# policy for homework

Pre-K and kindergarten homework is sent home on Mondays and includes the whole week's homework. Please do all the activities included and return to school Friday. Your child will get extra incentives in the classroom for completing their homework each week.

# about the

# Curriculum

This year your child will learn:

- How to count (to 30 in pre-k; to 100 in kindergarten)
- Identify and write their ABC's
- Sight Words (over 100 words in kindergarten!)
- How to read and write simple words and sentences
- Colors and 2D/3D Shapes
- Addition/Subtraction (to 5 in pre-k; to 10 in kindergarten)
- Most importantly – how school works and how to work with others!



# classroom

# behavior

At the very beginning of school we start working on “red and green” choices. Red choices are behaviors not okay for school (running in the school, hitting others, yelling inside, not using scissors safely). Green choices are encouraged and praised (being helpful, listening to the teacher(s), working hard, being kind to others).

Red choices are handled by redirecting behavior and modeling how to change that behavior. If the behavior continues, they may spend part of their playtime (about 3-5 minutes) walking instead of playing. If those behaviors persist, a parent will be notified. Green choices are praised when they happen and are rewarded each day with a sticker on their chart. When they fill up 5 days of stickers they get out of the treasure box. When they fill up their whole chart (20 days) I will send home their chart - letting you know what a great job they have done!

The whole class can also earn “warm and fuzzies” when I see someone making a green choice or if another teacher/staff brags on them. When they get a whole jar full I will let them come up with their own reward (extra play time, ice cream, dance party, etc).

Please take time to talk about and encourage good behaviors at school!

# classroom

# newsletter

I send out monthly newsletters for both pre-k and kindergarten. These have important information, explain what we are working on in class, and keep you informed on upcoming events. Kindergarten's newsletter also includes what sight words we are working on so you can make sure they are practicing their sight word flash cards at home!

# all about

# volunteers

Unfortunately, due to concerns for the spread of COVID-19, parents are not permitted in the building other than to sign their child in or out. However, a great way to be involved in your child's learning is to read with them nightly, spend time with them doing homework, and work on other skills at home throughout the year!



# distance

# learning

## Pre-K

Virtual learning for Pre-K will be in the form of paper packets, videos from me, and virtual meetings or phone calls periodically.

## Kindergarten

Virtual learning for Kindergarten will be in the form of online modules that teach reading and math skills. Students will complete one module a week. Some of the lessons will require you to upload an assignment via photo, scanning, or audio recording to be graded. There will also be regular contact from me in the form of pre-recorded videos, live virtual meetings, and phone calls or messages.

# additional

# information

- Every student will be provided a 3-ring binder to communicate between home and school. Please check this binder every night for notes, newsletters, and homework.
- All students will receive free lunch – you may send money in a labeled envelope in their binder for extra items (chips, fruit snacks, etc.) and ice cream on Fridays.
- We will have snack time every afternoon. Snack is provided by the school so you do not have to pack one. If you do pack a snack, please make sure it is a prepackaged snack (fruit snacks, crackers, goldfish, granola bars, etc.)
- Kindergarten is graded on an A-F scale. The grading scale is as follows:

A= 93-100

B= 85-92

C= 75-84

D= 65-74

F= 0-64

# additional

# information

## Safety Guidelines for COVID-19

- Masks are optional for students. Teachers and staff will wear masks when in close proximity to students.
- Students' desks are spaced 6 feet apart and facing the same direction.
- Students will wash hands before eating, before going outside for recess, and after coming in from recess.
- Tables and any shared spaces will be cleaned and sanitized several times throughout the day.
- Students will not be sharing any materials in the classroom – all supplies will be individually labeled.



# helpful

# resources

ClassDojo (for updates/photos from class/get in contact with me)

- Go to [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com) or download the ClassDojo app
- I will contact you or send home further instructions on how to join our class

Google Classroom (for virtual learning resources)

- Go to [www.classroom.google.com](http://www.classroom.google.com)
- Click “+” to join a class and enter the class code
- Pre-K’s code is **qf4gsqf**
- Kindergarten’s code is **frwpgag**

Zoom (for meetings with virtual students and parent/teacher conferences)

- Go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)
- Click “join a meeting”
- Enter the meeting ID (will be given to you when a meeting is scheduled)

# contact

# information

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ClassDojo is a fast and easy way to get ahold of me during school hours.

I look forward to meeting and speaking with all of you soon!