



Meet the



Avonworth Primary Center

Kindergarten Teachers





## Mrs. Filiaggi

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Birthday: July 31

Favorite Children's Book: The Giving Tree

I love teaching because I truly love children. Their curiosity and creativity make everyday a new adventure. They keep me laughing, guessing, and young at heart!



When I am not at school, I am playing with my crazy, wild, lovable boys!



**Mrs. Irlbacher**

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Birthday: November 20

Favorite Children's Book: The Giant Jam Sandwich

I love teaching because kids are awesome! I love teaching kids about the world, and learning about the world through them.

When I am not at school, I am spending time with my family, baking, reading, or going for walks!





## Miss Leveto

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Birthday: July 19

Favorite Children's Book: Anything by Mo Willems

I love teaching young children, especially Kindergarten, because I am able to witness the tremendous growth, marvelous achievements, and amazing milestones that the children conquer during one, short year!

When I am not at school, I am spending my time with friends, watching movies, and finding new and exciting things to do in Pittsburgh.





## Mrs. Rukat

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Birthday: July 11

Favorite Children's Book: If you give a Mouse a Cookie  
by-Laura Numeroff

I love teaching because it is such a joy to watch children grow. It is amazing to see a child's curiosity and creativity lead them to exploring and learning new things.

When I am not at school, I spend my time with family and friends. I enjoy reading, running and finding new restaurants to try in Pittsburgh.





## Mrs. Simmons

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Birthday: May 5

Favorite Children's Book: The Adventures of The Three Colors

The reason I love teaching is because I enjoy watching children's eyes "light up" when they discover something new. When for a quick moment, "Things make sense! They Get It!" It is simply magical!

When I am not at school, I spend most of my time with my family (Doug, Ethan, and Natalie) I enjoy walking every day. Reading quietly or watching movies... but most of all laughing, talking, and sharing time with my friends and family.





## Mrs. Udovich

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Birthday: March 25

Favorite Children's Book: A Visitor for Bear by Bonnie Becker

I love teaching young children for many reasons. I want to inspire children and cultivate their love of learning and their natural curiosity in and out of the classroom. I want to make a positive difference in their lives and show them the positive changes they can make in the world around them with kindness, creativity, and hard work.

When I am not at school, I love spending time with my family. My little girls keeps me very busy. I love to garden, read, craft, and create!





## Miss Vaccaro

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Birthday: August 26

Favorite Children's Books: The Rainbow Fish,  
Corduroy,

I love teaching because helping others,  
especially children, is my passion.

Watching the difference I am able to  
make as they learn and grow is one of the  
most rewarding parts of my job.

When I am not at school, I am  
spending time with my family  
& friends, working out , and  
baking cupcakes





## Mrs. Besterman

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Birthday: July 16

Favorite Children's Book: Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

I enjoy teaching because I have the opportunity to ignite a spark in young minds with some idea or concept that they might apply in the future. Having the opportunity to teach science in the Primary Center has been one of the best experiences of my career.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband, running, reading and meeting my daughter for weekly walks.





## Mrs. Battenfield

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Birthday: May 16

Favorite Children's Book: It's Not Easy Being a Bunny

I love teaching because I want kids to know the importance of exercising to keep you physically and mentally strong.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



When I am not at school, I am usually chasing my three crazy boys around, doing yoga, or hiking in the woods.



## Mrs. Croft

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Birthday: March 27

Favorite Children's Book: The Dot!

I love teaching students how to create, collaborate, and explore with art! My classroom is a happy and positive space for students to grow in their artistic abilities, confidence, and knowledge.

When I am not at school, I spend time with my family and friends, eating at restaurants around the city, and working on my own art projects!





## Mrs. Edwards

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Birthday: August 15

Favorite Children's Book: Corduroy

I love teaching because I am able to help my students work on their health and wellness in a fun way. I also love helping them find their joy in taking care of themselves.

When I am not at school, I am usually cleaning, doing yardwork or playing with my kids.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



## Mrs. Gould

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Birthday: October 6

Favorite Children's Book: Chrysanthemum

I love teaching because I enjoy introducing children to amazing authors and wonderful stories!

When I am not at school, I'm usually with my family, working in my yard or reading.





## Mr. Henry

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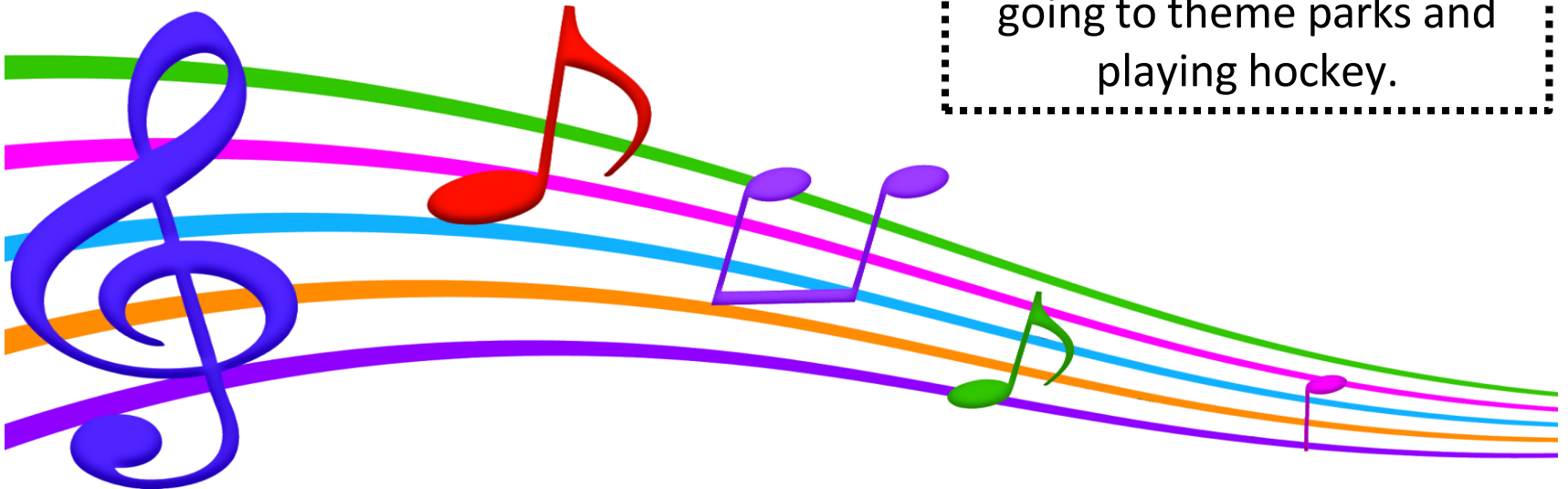
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Birthday: January 26

Favorite Children's Book: The Hungry Caterpillar

I love being a music teacher as it allows students to explore themselves and others in a creative environment.

After work, I love to cook and spend time with friends. I also love building lego's, going to theme parks and playing hockey.





## Ms. Stahl

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Birthday: November 11

Favorite Children's Book: Oh, the Places You'll Go!

I enjoy teaching STEM because I am able to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts! We have lots of fun learning with hands-on activities and thinking both creatively and constructively. Incorporating students' own unique interests as they learn about their world makes teaching exciting.

When I am not at school, I enjoy exercising, going to the movies, and spending time with my family.

