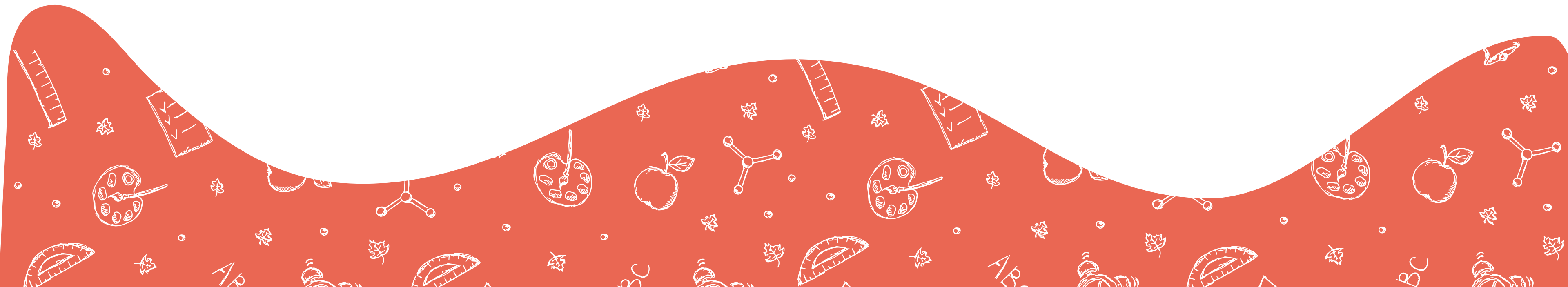
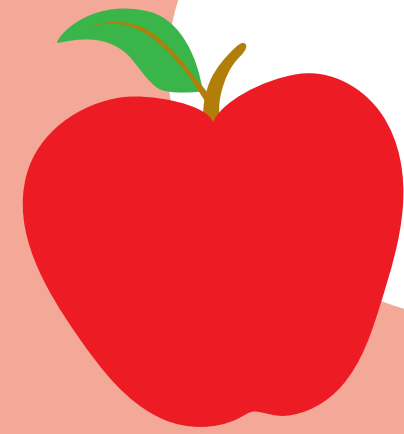




Meet the Kindergarten Teachers

Avonworth Primary Center 2026-2027





Kindergarten Teachers





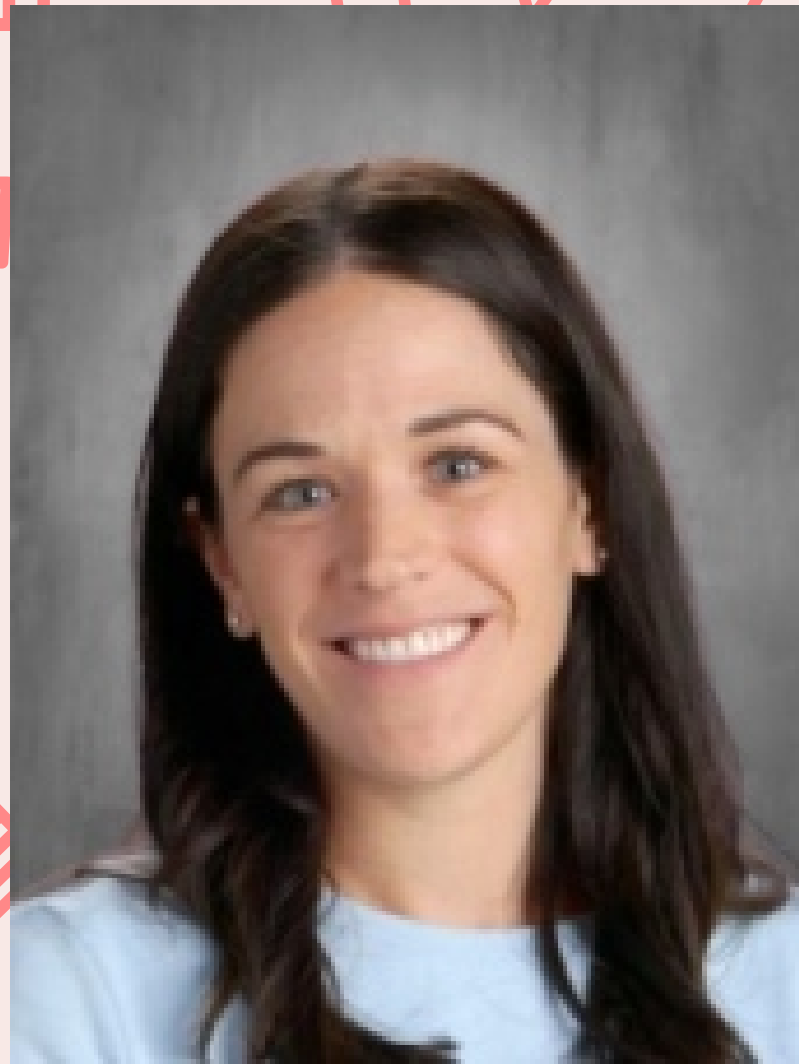
Mrs. Filiaggi
412-366-7171 ext. 4219
rfiliaggi@avonworth.k12.pa.us

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!





Mrs. Clark
412-366-7171 ext 4216
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Birthday: November 1

Favorite Children's Book: The Kissing Hand

I love teaching because each day is an exciting adventure. It is so much fun to watch the children grow as they learn about themselves and the world around them.





Mrs. Dudley
412-366-7171 ext. 4218
adudley@avonworth.k12.pa.us

Birthday: March 9th

Favorite Children's Books: Where The Wild Things Are By Maurice Sendak

I love teaching because every day is a fun, learning adventure! I am inspired by children's fearlessness, excitement and joy for learning and discovering new things.





Mrs. Irlbacher
412-366-7171 ext. 4215
airlbacher@avonworth.k12.pa.us

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.





Mrs. Rukat
412-366-7171 ext. 4217
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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.





Mrs. Udovich
412-366-7171 ext. 4213
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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.



Specials Teachers





Mrs. Besterman

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Investigations

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.





Mrs. Battenfield

412-366-7171 ext. 1907

kbattenfield@avonworth.k12.pa.us

Physical Education

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.





Mrs. Edwards

412-366-7171 ext. 1907

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Physical Education

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.





Mrs. Croft

412-366-7171 ext. 4203
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Art Education

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.





Mrs. Johnson

412-366-7171 ext. 1908
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Digital Media Specialist

Birthday: November 11th
Favorite Children's Book:
Mixed by Arree Chung

I love teaching because I love
to learn new things and share
with others!





Ms. Krivanek

412-366-7171 ext. 4202
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Music Education

Becky

Birthday: August 23
Favorite Children's Book:
Because

I love teaching music because it gives every child the opportunity to discover their unique voice/sound, build confidence and experience the joy of creating something together. Music has the power to connect people, inspire creativity and develop skills that extend far beyond the classroom.

