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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Can you believe October is here? Thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding as we work together to support our students this year. We know virtual learning has presented some challenges for our students - this is new for all of us. However, together, our teachers, staff, and families have done a remarkable job supporting our students in having a solid start to the year! If you or your child continue to experience challenges, please remember to reach out for support - we're here to help!

Dr. Dawan

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCTOBER 7TH:** home and school meeting @ 7pm ("paws"-itive parenting presentation)
- OCTOBER 12TH:** school board workshop meeting @ 7pm (will vote on reopening)
- OCTOBER 23RD:** no school for students
- OCTOBER 30TH:** end of 1st marking period

COUNSELORS' CORNER

MS. DELLAQUILA AND MR. PARSONS

Click [HERE](#) to view the Counselors' Corner newsletter!

Click [HERE](#) to see a brief message from Ms. Dellaquila!

IN THIS EDITION:

- Virtual learning tips
- Mindfulness activities

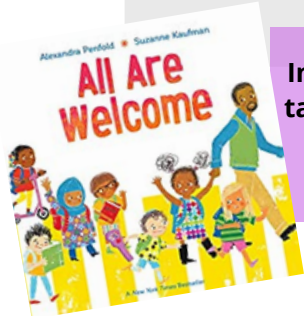
TAKE A PEEK INTO SOME OF OUR CLASSROOMS!

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Nash



Hi, I'm Mrs. Nash and this is my 2nd year at PAELC. What I love most about my class is how enthusiastic my students are about learning each and every day! I also love that my class is full of students with different cultures and backgrounds.



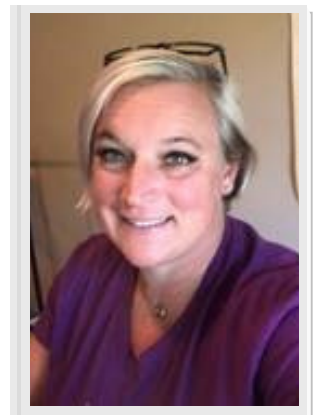
In social studies, we have been learning about diversity. We talked about the ways we are different and the ways we are the same. After listening to the book, All Are Welcome, students decorated a paper doll like themselves!

Mrs. Derban



I AM SO PROUD OF YOU!

In a few short weeks we have already learned so much: CUBS Rules, Zoom navigation, how to be respectful towards others during our Zoom sessions, Foundations, Reading, Writing, Math and Social Studies Skills. I am SO proud of my Amazing Kindergarteners and I cannot wait to see their growth this school year!

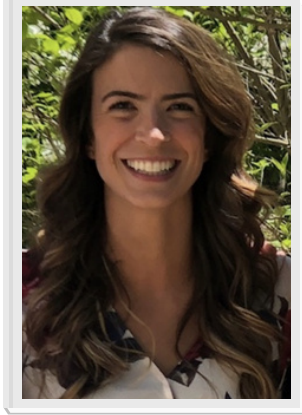


My name is Mrs. Derban and this is my 3rd year teaching at PAELC and my 2nd year teaching Kindergarten. I absolutely love to see the growth of a kindergartener; it never ceases to amaze me!

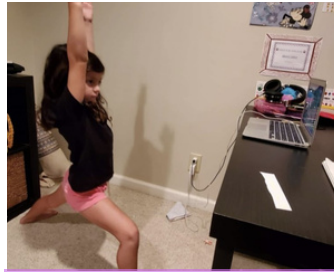
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FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Repko



Hi, I'm Mrs. Repko and I am a first grade teacher! This is my 4th year teaching first grade at PAELC. Teaching has always brought me so much joy and I absolutely love helping my students learn, grow and achieve their goals.



Time for some yoga brain breaks!



We celebrated earning our first CUBS reward with pajama and stuffed animal day!



Working hard in our comfortable clothes and with our buddies for our CUBS reward day.

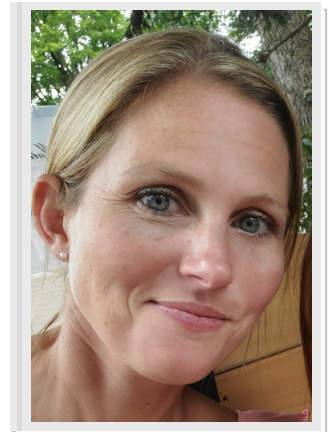
I am so proud of how hard my students (and all students) are learning virtually, showing up every day, and truly giving it their all. Keep working hard, you are amazing!

In my class we like to have fun while we learn, so we play learning games and do STEM projects whenever we can! We have been busy learning good reading habits and kicking those bad reading habits to the curb. We have been counting and writing small moments and we love Go Noodle movement breaks.



'Dressed for Success!'

Mrs. Gutierrez



Hi PAELC! My name is Mrs. Gutierrez and I teach first grade. This is my 15th year teaching and my 9th year in Phoenixville.



Excited to learn!



Proudly showing off a drawing!

SPECIALISTS SPOTLIGHT

MEET OUR AMAZING SPECIALISTS!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (ELD) SPECIALISTS

English Language Development Specialists support students who are learning English. Our students and their families come from all over the world to learn and grow in our community! We support their academic growth at school and help their families transition into their new lives here in the U.S. by connecting them to our school and to other valuable community resources.



MRS. CAMARDA

Years in PASD: 5

"I love meeting each new student and their families. Many families have amazing stories and have overcome so much to give their children a better education and opportunities. We meet them where they are in their journey."



MRS. MAKOS

Years in PASD: 16

"I love working with Kindergarten and First Grade students, families and teachers! They're the best!"



MRS. MILLER

Years in PASD: 17

"I love to see the growth in my students, and I love to meet their families and support them as they build new lives here in the U.S."



MR. MORALES

Years in PASD: 5

"I love hearing my students speak their first words/sentences in English on their own, seeing the joy on their faces as we celebrate together, and sharing the love of knowledge with them through reading and life experiences."

Reading specialists collect literacy data, analyze it, and use it to plan instruction to meet the needs of all students. We form partnerships with classroom teachers by supporting, supplementing, and extending students' core literacy instruction. In September, we collected important school-wide data to form targeted reading intervention groups. In October, we will plan, teach, and evaluate our instruction.

READING SPECIALISTS



MRS. MILLER

Years in PASD: 16

"I love seeing the excitement in children's faces when reading 'clicks' and all they want to do is read books!"



MRS. STEVENSON

Years in PASD: 23

"I love watching this age group progress from an awareness of letter and sounds to becoming readers!"



MRS. THAIS

Years in PASD: 24

"I love providing our youngest learners in the district with reading skills for success in school and later in life."

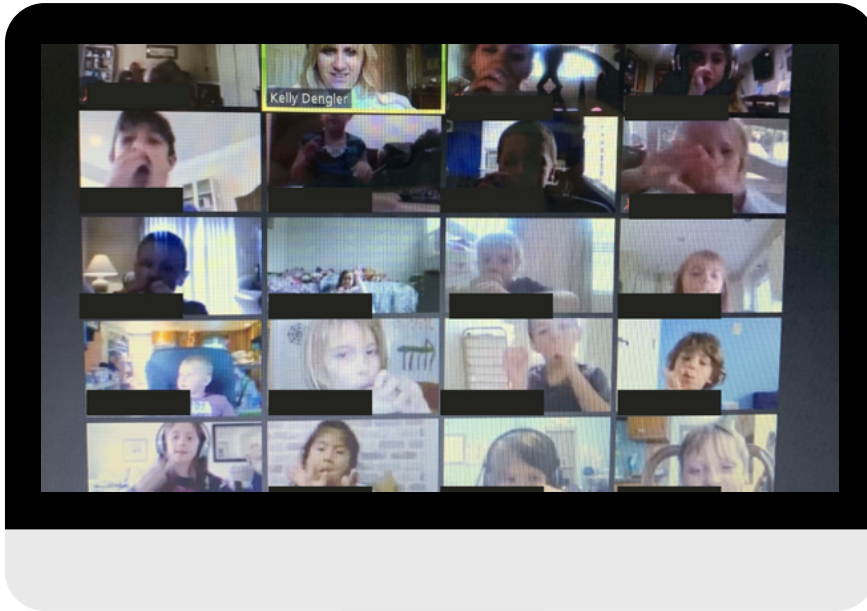


MRS. VALENTINE

Years in PASD: 15

"I love how much fun my job is - no other job could come close to the extraordinary experience of teaching children to love books."

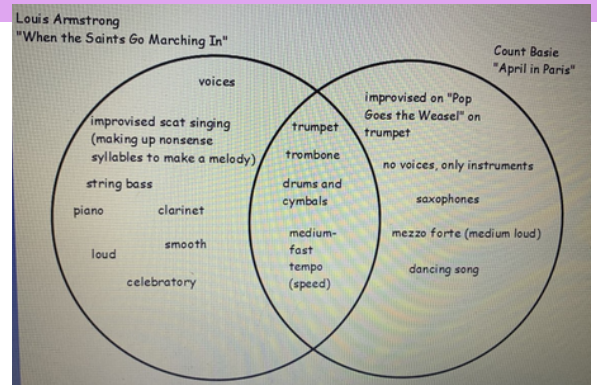
MRS. DENGLER AND MRS. FEICK



We had an impromptu Zoom virtual "Air Band" as students played their "instruments" along with the music of Count Basie!

MRS. DENGLER Music (1st Grade)

This year we have been learning about American musical genres and World Music from all over the globe. Recently we learned about jazz music and analyzed, described, and compared and contrasted the musical elements we heard in various songs by some of the greatest jazz artists. Students learned about fast/slow, loud/soft, high/low, texture (many instruments or only a few), and identifying the instruments they heard.



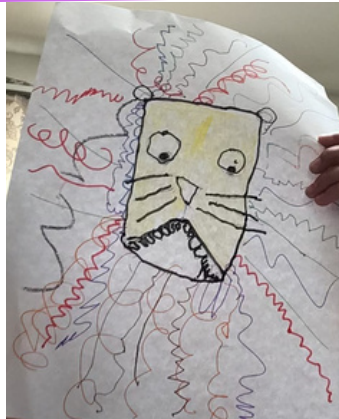
MRS. FEICK Art (Kindergarten)

My AMAZING artists have been busy creating all sorts of wonderful artwork! Students began the year learning about what it means to be an artist. Every day, we say our "Artist Affirmation" - which reminds each student that they are, indeed, an artist! We have also learned about some elements of art, including line, pattern, and shape!



We learned about patterns and created pattern fish!

We practiced types of lines by making "Line Lions!"



We read Mouse Shapes and practiced drawing shapes!



We used our knowledge of lines and shapes to make a landscape!

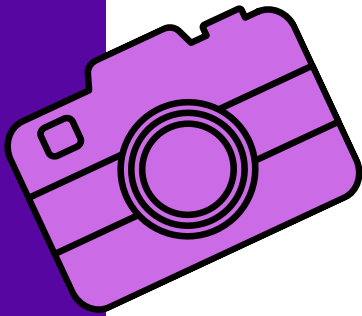




Showing support for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by wearing gold or yellow!



"Dressed for Success!"



Wearing positive messages!

KIDS' QUOTES

What is your favorite fall activity?

"Going apple picking!"
- Nathan H.

"Playing and reading with my brother!"
- Isabella M.

"Going on field trips to the pumpkin patch."
- Caitlin

"Dressing up for Halloween!"
- Isaiah B.

"Going on hayrides!"
- Zaiden B.

"Raking and jumping in leaves!"
- Lillian C.

"Making pumpkin pies!"
- Jane A.

"Decorating for Halloween!"
- Duncan W.

"Walking in crunchy leaves!"
- Jack A.

"Going pumpkin picking!"
- Presley M.

"Carving and painting pumpkins!"
- Colette P.