

MEET OUR PRESCHOOL TEACHERS



2023-2024



Kylie Ahlquist is in her first year at The Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 4's T/W/TH class. She has her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from Elgin Community College. Kylie has over 12 years of experience working in childcare, which has included teaching preschool.



Liz Carlson is in her second year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 3's M/W/F and T/TH classes. She has a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Augustana College and a Master's degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences from Eastern Illinois University. Liz has spent the last nine years working as a Speech-Language Pathologist in an elementary school.



Mandy Carzoli is in her 10th year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 3's T/W/TH and the Jr. 4's classes. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Winona State University and a Master's Degree in Leadership and Curriculum from St. Xavier University. Mandy previously taught fifth grade for ten years in Libertyville District 70.



Sara Erdmann is in her fourth year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 4's M-F class. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Roosevelt University in Early Childhood Education. She taught Two's on Their Own with the Cary Park District and was a substitute and volunteer in our preschool program. Sara also spends her time on the PTO board and volunteering in District 3 as well as other local organizations.



Nancy Herbster is in her 19th year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 4's M-TH class. Nancy is also the Preschool Director overseeing all preschool operations. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Behavioral Sciences from National Louis University with a concentration in Child Psychology. Nancy has volunteered for numerous organizations including working with children in District 26.



Tammy Nobbe is in her 14th year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 4's M-F class. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Child Psychology from Southeast Missouri State University. Tammy previously taught first grade for six years. She has also volunteered her time working with children in District 46 classrooms and other organizations.



Amy Tamason is in her seventh year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 4's M-TH class. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Illinois State University. Amy volunteered with the preschool for 7 years prior to teaching with us. She also spends her time helping in District 26 and other organizations.



Laura Valaitis is in her fourth year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 3's T/W/TH and the Jr. 4's classes. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Speech and Hearing Science and a Master's Degree in Audiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Laura was a Clinical and Educational Audiologist for 15 years. Prior to teaching with us, she was a substitute teacher and volunteer in our preschool program.



Kristin Woods is in her first year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 4's T/W/TH class. She has a Paraprofessional Certificate and is working towards her Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Development at McHenry County College. Kristin has worked as a paraprofessional in a 3's and 4's preschool inclusion classroom and also for first through fourth grade.



Megan Zirbes is in her second year at the Cary Park District Preschool and will be teaching the 3's M/W/F and T/TH classes. She studied Advertising and Marketing at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Megan has over eight years of experience in program development for children and adults with a variety of disabilities and developmental delays. She has also taught preschool.