



# Welcome To PPCD

## Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome students and parents to Pattison Elementary's PPCD program. This school year will be filled with learning, exploration and a lot of fun! My name is Kristina Parr, and I will be your child's teacher this year.

I have worked in the field of special education for the past 18 years. I have a background in early childhood special education, speech therapy, and assistive technology. In addition, I have training in Applied Behavior Analysis, TEACCH, PECS, Discrete Trial Training, and Integrated Play Groups.

In addition to myself, your child will have two wonderful Paraprofessionals working with them. Their names are Dee Watson and Laura Karl. Together, we will work towards providing your child with the best possible public education for their preschool years.

Throughout the years, I have come to embrace a few philosophies, which I hold close to my heart....

- I believe that a good preschool curriculum focuses on all areas of development including; sensory, social/play skills, communication skills, academic skills, gross motor and fine motor skills, self help and overall classroom readiness skills.
- I believe that all children need to be able to **ACCESS** their curriculum.
- I believe that all children need to **EXPLORE** their curriculum hands on through a variety of different experiences (art, music, and manipulatives, visual and auditory aides etc..)
- I believe that all children need to have a way to **COMMUNICATE** with others.
- I believe that all children need to play and **SOCIALIZE** with others.
- I believe in setting limits and being **CONSISTANT**.

- I believe that all children respond to structure, schedules, repetition and **ROUTINE**.
- I believe that before a child can learn anything else, they need to learn **HOW TO LEARN** (to sit, attend, how to participate, how to ask for help etc...)
- I believe that **PARENTS** are a critical part of the learning experience. Skills being taught at school need to be reinforced at home. Working together provides us all with the tools we need to help our children.

Because I view parents as a crucial part in a child's learning, I will be posting my curriculum theme activities, books, songs, curriculum themes, concepts, letters, numbers, colors, shapes, books, and games that we will be doing each month on my teacher web page

<http://kisdwebs.katyisd.org/campuses/PC/teacherweb/ppcd/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

I will also be sending home monthly online newsletters with relevant curriculum resources for you to use with your child.

Everything we do in the classroom will be related to that monthly theme (i.e. Back to school, body parts, farm, the circus etc...)

Most of all, I believe that preschool should be a fun, safe, and friendly environment to learn in. Please dress your children in clothing that **CAN get dirty**.

All of these things, in balance, will make a great classroom and a quality preschool experience for your child!

Please play the games, read the books, sing the songs, work on the concepts and reinforce the vocabulary with your children at home as much as you can. It really makes a difference in their abilities to participate in the classroom and learn the new skills we are all trying to teach them.

Over the years, I have had the pleasure of working with a large variety of children with so many wonderful strengths and abilities. One of the things I hold dear to my heart is that no matter what our abilities or accomplishments are, they are always excited to learn.

Please help me encourage our students this year, to see their accomplishments and celebrate them. I am excited to have your child in my classroom and to help dive into learning!





## Supply List

Below is a list of supplies that your child will need for this year. If you have any trouble securing these items, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can help.

- A backpack (it will need to be large enough to hold a folder) Please put your child's name on it.
- 2 pocket folders with 3 brad fasteners in them (please try to get the plastic ones; they hold up much better)
- Diapers if appropriate
- Wipes
- A change of clothing (please put your child's name in them and put them in a Ziploc bag)
  - Pants
  - Shirt
  - Socks
  - Underwear
  - If you are working on potty training with your child, please send some plastic or rubber shoes (i.e. Crocks) that can be washed off if there is an accident
- A box of tissues
- A box of crayons
- A box of markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Lysol wipes
- Lysol spray
- Ziploc bags (sandwich size and gallon size please)
- Paper towels
- Play dough
- Paint smock. (It can be an old shirt or a store bought one)



## Snack Time

In addition to the supplies, your child will need to have a **snack and a drink every day**. If your child is working on feeding skills, please keep that in mind when you are sending their snacks. If they are working on using utensils, please send things they can practice eating with a spoon or fork. If they are working on drinking from an open cup, please send juice and a cup etc. We are happy to work on these skills, but we will need you to send the items to make it possible. We do NOT have a supply of dishes or utensils in the classroom.

## Early Dismissal Days

Periodically throughout the year, the school district has early dismissal days. PPCD is in session on those days. The hours change slightly to accommodate both classes in such a short time.

**AM: 8:20-10:20am PM: 10:40-12:40pm.** Please make note of these times.



## Contact Information

I look forward to meeting all of you very soon and seeing all of those wonderful returning faces as well. Below is all my contact information that you will need for the school year. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am very approachable and I would like you all to know that I value my time with parents and cherish your knowledge and insight into your children. Together, we will make a great team!

We will be located in room number 203

My phone number is 281-237-4488 (*we do NOT answer the phone during class time.* I will return calls on my planning time or after school)

My email address is [kristinasparr@katgisd.org](mailto:kristinasparr@katgisd.org)

My conference and planning time is from 8:00-8:30 or 11:30-12:00pm

See you soon....

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