

Dear Kindergarten Families,

My name is Jenna Klotz and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher this year. I am looking forward to an exciting and positive year with your child!

This is my fourth year as a teacher at Pershing. I have taught kindergarten for the past three years. My experience includes two years of teaching ESL pre-kindergarten in Houston, Texas and one year of teaching ESL in Hajdúszoboszló, Hungary. I have an early childhood teaching license.

I love teaching kindergarten! My mission as a teacher is to help children discover the joy of learning, and to help each child develop a strong belief in his or her own ability to achieve. I want them to learn the importance of hard work and to have a sense of pride in doing their personal best. It is also very important to me that my students appreciate and respect other peoples' differences.

Although kindergarten is sometimes thought of as a readiness program for first grade, it is really a total part of the school program. Kindergarten is a grade where huge growth and maturity is seen within one year's time. Besides learning to read or improving their reading and math skills, they also learn very important life lessons regarding social skills, responsibility, and independence. They will make new friends and learn how to be helpful and kind to others.

We know that kindergarten children learn best by using their senses, by doing, and through the use of concrete materials. Using this knowledge, the kindergarten program allows for the many individual differences and growth patterns of each child, knowing that each child will gain something different from the variety of these experiences. Throughout the year the kindergarten teachers will be working together as a team to best meet the needs of your child.

My passion is traveling and I have a personal goal to travel to every country in the world. I have two young nephews that I enjoy spending time with as well.

Together we can make this year the best year possible for your child. I value and appreciate your suggestions, and I need your support with homework, academic goals, and student behavior. Please call or e-mail me with any concerns or questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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