Welcome to Kindergarten!

We are so excited to have you in our Kindergarten classes at Jana! This team of Kindergarten teachers has been working hard to get ready to start our school year. Kindergarten is such a special year and we can't wait to share this experience!

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About the Kindergarten Teachers

Ms. Adams

My name is Caroline Adams. This will be my 4th year teaching kindergarten at Jana Elementary and I can't wait to start the year! I graduated from Truman State University with a Masters of Arts degree in Elementary Education and a certification in Early Childhood Education. In my free time I like to read, run, and hang out with my friends and family. I am looking forward to working with your child this year!

Ms. Epping

My name is Megan Epping. I graduated from The University of Central Missouri with a degree in Early Childhood Education in 2017. This will be my fourth year teaching kindergarten at Jana. In my free time I love playing volleyball, cheering on the Chiefs and Royals, and spending time with my family and friends! I'm looking forward to another great year as a Jana Tiger!

Ms. Groene

Hey there!

My name is Rachael Groene and I am a kindergarten teacher at Jana Elementary. I grew up in O'Fallon, Missouri. I graduated from Lindenwood University with a degree in Early Childhood Education and am eager to start my masters degree next year. I have taught second grade, first grade, and am so excited to teach kindergarten! I love teaching because sharing knowledge with others is very rewarding. I am excited to get this year started!

Mrs. McDonald

Hello! I am Mrs. Caroline McDonald. This is my third year at Jana; my 9th year teaching. I graduated from Fontbonne in 2012 with degrees in Special Education, Early Childhood Education, and Elementary Education. I am currently in Graduate school in STEM. I am married; my husband and I have one fur baby, a French Bulldog named Mocha! In my free time I enjoy exercising—I do strength training and barre. I love taking Mocha on long walks around my neighborhood and cooking/baking yummy meals and treats for family and friends!

General Information

Soft Placement: At Jana Elementary we begin the school year with a transition period before your child is placed permanently with a teacher. During this time the students have the opportunity to get to know all of the kindergarten teachers, spend time in each classroom, and form friendships with other kindergarten students. This time is also used to collect academic and social data to help best meet the needs of students. Your child will be placed with their permanent teacher sometime during the second week of school.

Parent/Teacher Relationships: Parent/teacher communication is very important to ensure your child's success. We believe that working as a team and having a positive relationship with our families will help provide the best possible experience and outcome for our students, especially in a virtual school setting! Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher at any time with questions or concerns.

Classroom/School Rules:

- I am respectful of others
- I am responsible for myself and my actions
- I am cooperative with others
- I am safe in all settings
- I am ready to start my day

Class Dojo: Class Dojo will be used as a behavior management system. Students will work to earn points each day by following the classroom expectations listed in the Tiger Pledge. We will also be able to

communicate easily through Class Dojo by using the "messages" tab (you can of course email us or call as well).

Instructional Schedule:

8:50-9:20 - RTI 9:25-10:55 - ELA 10:55-11:15 - Writing 11:15-12:10 - Specials 12:15-12:45 - Lunch 12:45-1:00 - Recess 1:00-1:20 - Writing 1:20-2:30 - Math 2:30-3:10 - Science 3:10-3:40 - Social Studies 3:50 - Dismissal

Sincerely, The Kindergarten Team