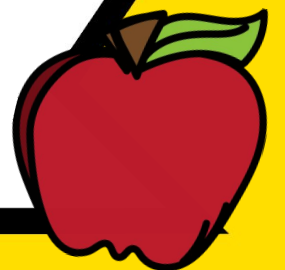




Welcome to
Willow Canyon

Kindergarten





Hello! I'm Your Teacher!

Mrs. Ballou



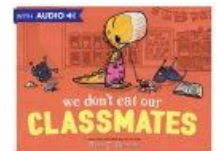
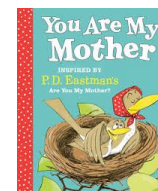
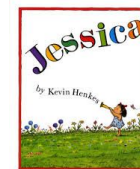
A little about me...


- I am married to Jac and I am the mom to Lucy, Chelsea, Eliza & Jillian. They were all Willow Canyon wildcats, too!
- I love teaching Kindergarten! This is my 4th year at Willow Canyon.



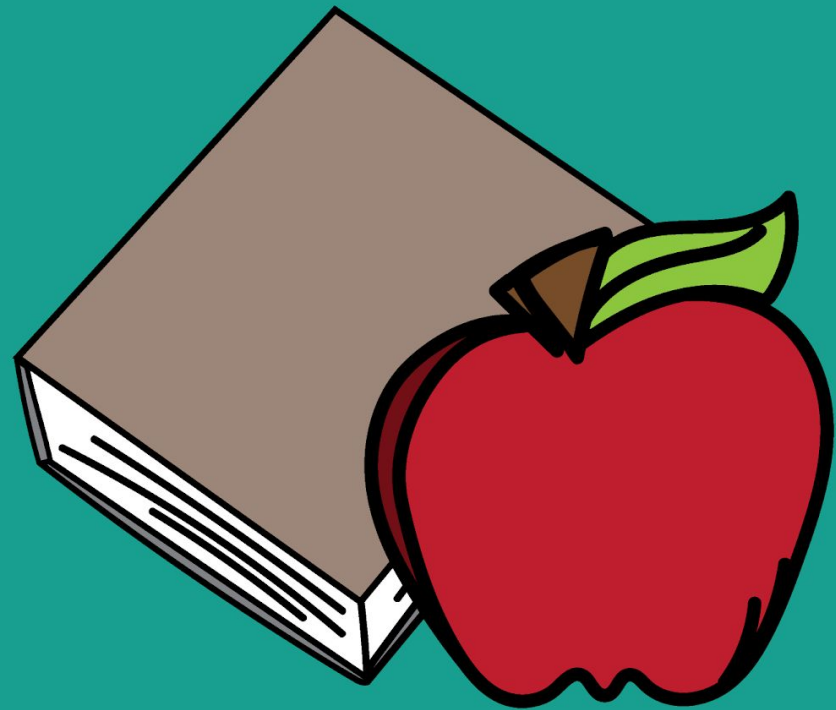
I love the mountains! Camping, hiking, singing, s'mores – that's my favorite!

- I bake, garden and love to go on road trips!
- I love to read! These are some favorites!






My favorite
things about
this grade!



1. **Kindergarten is the first year in school!** 5 year olds grow up so fast - they learn to be responsible for their things, write words and sentences, and how to follow the class rules.
2. **Friends!** Kindergarteners make the best friends. They are kind and they are good at sharing and solving problems.
3. **1-100!** Counting is something we do everyday. By the end of the year, our students will know how to count to 100!
4. **Reading!** I love watching kids learn how to read! The brain gets ready for it until suddenly it starts to click. It is so awesome!
5. **Eager to learn!** Kindergarteners are eager to learn, listen and find safety in a place outside of home. This makes them so positive and fun to be around. I want to make sure they keep that feeling throughout the year and into 1st grade.



I'm Looking Forward To...

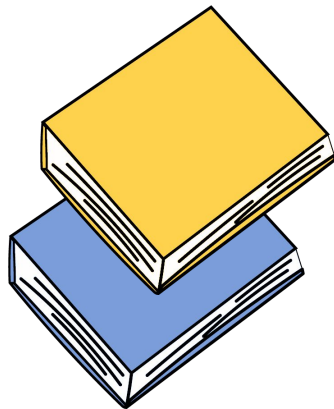
Getting to know your face.

Learning your names!

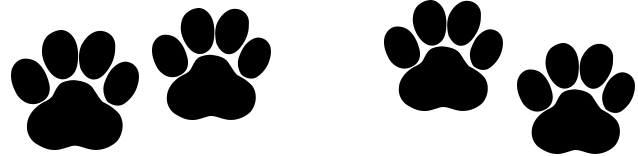
Seeing you make a new friend!

Reading you my favorite books.

You telling your family how much you liked school!



Go Wildcats!



This year is going to be **AWESOME!**




How can
I help?



Please email me with any of your concerns.
heidi.ballou@canyonsdistrict.org

Please check out the next slides about the
state KEEP assessment &
our in-class tech instructions.

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- **Mrs. Marilyn Williams** is our Principal. She sends out a weekly Monday Minute email. Please pay attention to those in your inbox.
 - **Ms. Mary Birt** is our full-time school Secretary. Stephanie McDougall and Tasha Rondeau also work in the office.
 - If you have any questions, comments or concerns, our *school phone number* is 801-826-9625.

Our school address is:
9650 South 1700 East.



School Communication

office phone number
801-826-9625.



SCHOOL STARTS
Due to Social Distancing,
school arrival will look
different!

**Supplemental &
AM Kindergarten**

8:15 M-Th
8:15 Friday

PM Kindergarten

12:15 M-Th
*11:15 Friday



New Drop Off Procedures

AM & Supplemental Drop Off Procedure:

Kindergarten parents should park and keep their student in the car until the 8:15 bell. After the bell, use the crosswalk to line up on a dot near the Kindergarten area.

Parents are encouraged to leave the area. Another option is to stand on the dot with your child.

Please keep your child off the playground.

PM Class Drop Off Procedure:

Kindergarten parents can help their child find a dot near the Kindergarten area.

Parents, please wait and watch from your car or behind the wall, maintaining social distancing.

Please keep your child off the playground.



School Dismissal

Due to Social Distancing, school dismissal will be staggered.

A-H 2:35 *12:55

I-P 2:45 *1:05

Q-Z 2:55 *1:15

DAYCARE & WALKERS
2:55 *1:15

* Friday/short day times



Pick up for AM Class:

Pull up to the 3rd bench in the pick up zone. Please stay in your car and I will help your child get into the car. If walking, meet us near the Kindergarten area.



Pick up for Supplemental & PM Classes:

Please see the staggered dismissal times, according to your last name.

While they may be inconvenient, these times have been assigned for safety reasons.

Your students will exit and stand on dots near the brick wall. *Please stay in car and use the moving pick up zone.* An aide or teacher will help your child into the car.

Walkers should have a buddy pick them up at the wall and walk home.

This is different in the past. There will be no parking in the parking lot.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

Please have your child and 1 parent arrive at the appointment with a mask. Walk through the front office, then come into the Kindergarten Hall. Look for the big apple!

I will be asking your child:

letter/sound ID
word games
counting by 1 to 25
comprehension
writing skills

I will show you:

- the bathroom
- how to wash hands
- the classroom
- your hook & pencil box
- your cubby
- how to line up outside


Then I will take your picture outside for our class poster.



Coming to:

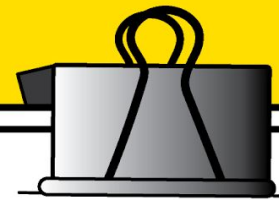
**Keep
Assessments**

**August
24th-26th**



Skyward is the district page that contains EVERYTHING *including* parent teacher conferences sign ups, student information and your **student access login and password**.

These are used to log into CANVAS and Google. This password SHOULD NOT be changed. This stays with your student until graduation from HS.

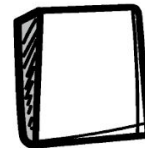


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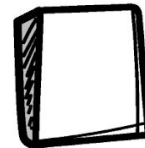
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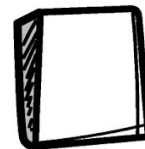
Canvas is the ONLINE extension of our kindergarten classroom. Check it out and if you have questions, I am here to help!



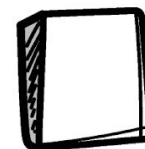
Log in to <https://canyons.instructure.com>



Can you find the picture of your teacher?



What shapes do you see?
Show your student so they can become familiar with our page.



Check out this tutorial video <https://vimeo.com/74677642>

Kindergarten Details

First Day of School:
Thursday, August 27th



- **Backpacks:** We recommend that each student have a full sized, labeled backpack. Bring it to school every day. Please check your child's backpack daily for completed work, notes and school information.
- **School supplies:** are not required to bring additional supplies.
- **Donations:** If you would like to donate cleaning supplies, please take them to the office, then they will be brought into our classroom. Wipes containing bleach are not allowed. Clorox wipes without bleach and baby wipes will be helpful.
- **Birthdays:** Your child is welcome to celebrate their birthday at school by bringing store bought treats for the class. Check with me for food allergies. Summer birthdays will be celebrated near their half-birthday.
- **Volunteers:** At this time, no volunteers are allowed in the classroom.



Our Classroom

I am getting
ready for you...

There is so much to do!



To prepare for next week, I am cleaning our classroom, buying new pencils, crayons, glue, and am thinking of all the ways we can have a safe and effective learning environment... one that will be encouraging to be in!

If you have questions about COVID-19 procedures see:

<https://web.canyonsdistrict.org/covid-19/questions/>

Please notice if your child is experiencing any health concerns.
Keep them home if they are feeling sick.

We will go over mask procedures in class, washing hands and wiping off tools we use in school. There will be a lot of patience as we learn these new routines.

How can you prepare?



- **Find a comfortable mask and label it.** The school will provide each child with a student lanyard that will be kept at school. It will attach to your mask and hold it when you need to take it off.
- **Come to school hydrated, with a good breakfast.** We will not be using water fountains. The school will provide a water bottle for each student to have at a spot in our classroom. These will not come home.
- **Learn the letters in your name.** We will do so much name practice! Practice saying the letters of your name, and even those in your family members' names.
- **Come with your biggest smile!** I can tell if you are smiling, even if you are wearing a mask! Parents, help your child dwell on the positive things that are happening in school each day. This new normal is draining to everyone. If we can keep positive with the changes of the day, our students will do just fine!



*I can't
wait to
see you
next week!*

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