

# PRESCHOOL ORIENTATION MEETING

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

5:30 p.m. via Zoom



# NORTHERN CASS WHY

*‘We believe every learner can change the world;  
therefore, we will provide a world class education’*



# NORTHERN CASS VALUES

1. Purposefully build trust
2. Develop authentic relationships
3. Engage in innovative practices



THE SCHOOL  
of  
GREATNESS





# COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS



- *'We are dedicated and passionate about relationships, teaching and learning, self-reflection, acknowledging greatness, and service to the Northern Cass community'*
- *'We are driven towards continuous improvement'*



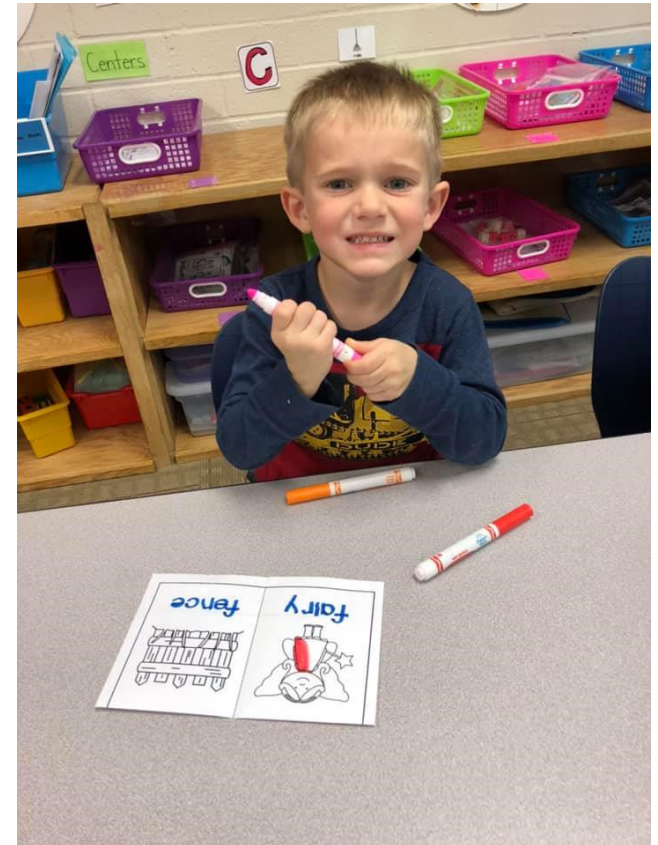
# HISTORY

- Studied in the 2014-15 school year
- Spring 2015: Hired Courtney Nelson and approved full time para-professional position
  - Anita Jalbert since 2017 school year
- Spring 2019: Hired Jackie Bosch for an additional PK class and approved full time para-professional position
  - Tami Pueppke since 2019 school year
- Enrollment
  - 15 learners in 2015-16
  - 15 learners in 2016-17
  - 18 learners in 2017-18
  - 15 learners in 2018-19
  - 26 learners in 2019-20
  - 24 learners in 2020-21
  - 28 learners in 2021-22
  - 29 learners in 2022-23
  - **31 learners in 2023-24**



# ENROLLMENT

- **Birth certificate required**
- **Immunizations required**
  - Not COVID
- **Limited to 28 learners**
  - 14/section
  - May allow additional learners due to extenuating circumstances
- **Open Enrollment Applications due on February 29, 2024, for families that do not live in District (will do twice)**
  - Contact Paige Carlson with any questions
  - [paige.carlson@northerncassschool.com](mailto:paige.carlson@northerncassschool.com)





# TUITION

- **\$35/day**
- 5 days/week for the entire 2024-25 school year
  - \$5,880/year (based on 168 days of contact time)
  - Will be billed out in 8 monthly installments starting in September 2024
  - Note: If your child has qualified for special education services, contact Dr. Steiner for further information
- **Payments must be received for the month in advance**
  - PLEASE notify Dr. Steiner if your payment will be late or you need assistance



# BEST IN CLASS GRANT

- Northern Cass received \$240,000 in 2023-2024
- Program is provided through ND Dept of Health & Human Services
  - Monthly tuition amount is based on household income with a sliding scale
  - Provides opportunity for family engagement activities
  - Health, Dental, Vision, and Development screenings held on site
- **Communication with families will occur in June 2024 on how the district will utilize the funding.**





# PRE-K SPRING SCREENINGS

- Screenings will take place at Northern Cass School on **April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> (they are required)**
  - Screened in the following areas: pre-academics, fine motor, gross motor, cognitive, language development
    - Screening results guide educators in determining if your child is ready for the academic, play-filled, and structured environment of the Northern Cass Preschool program
    - **If your child scores significantly low and shows red flags, you will be required to wait for the following school year**
- **If your child has a late spring – summer birthday (end of April-July) and they have time to wait before starting, it is in their best interest to *wait*.**
  - As a parent, if you are questioning if your child should attend or not, give them the gift of waiting.



# TOP SKILLS TO PREPARE FOR SCHOOL

1. Help your child begin to practice writing their name – confidence booster!
  2. **Allow your child to build independence in self help skills: zipping, shoes, dressing in snow gear, completely independent in the bathroom.**
  3. Practice opening snack/food items, using table manners, cutting basic foods with forks, using silver wear, cleaning up messes.
  4. Talk about ways to be responsible for yourself and your things – cleaning up spaces, controlling your body, packing backpacks, etc.
  5. Practice using school supplies at home – safe cutting with a scissors, gluing with glue sticks/bottles, closing markers when finished.
1. Create a reading routine at your house – this helps build a love of reading and prepare for reading and sitting in a large group setting at school!
  2. Practice naming/identifying emotions (in the moment) and safe/healthy ways to express emotions around others.
  3. Play games that require turn taking. Allow your child opportunities to win and lose.
  4. Allow your child to explore letters, letter sounds, and numbers.
  5. Know that your child will be loved and cared for in every moment of their school experience.



# SUPPLY LIST

- 1 composition book (wide ruled) black 100 pages
- 1 24 count Crayola crayons
- 2 red plastic pocket and pronged folders
- 2 4oz Elmer's Glue bottles -washable glue
- 2 10 count Crayola classic (thick) markers -washable
- 1 pair of gym shoes
- 1 backpack
- 1 water bottle
- 1 paint shirt
- 1 small beach towel or blanket
- 1 complete change of clothing



# SCHOOL DAY

- Follows the regular school calendar (school day starts at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m.)





# TRANSPORTATION

- Busing provided for learners by the school
  - Pre-determined bus routes and schedule mailed prior to start of school
- Busing is a privilege and not a right



# BREAKFAST/LUNCH/SNACKS

- Breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided by the school and **paid for by each family**
  - Learners may bring a lunch from home
- Current Prices (this will **most likely** go up next year)
  - Breakfast is \$2.00/meal (free if you qualify for free or reduced)
  - Lunch is \$3.40/meal (\$.40 if you qualify for free or reduced)
  - Milk/snack is \$1.00/day (no reduction for free and reduced)
  - Extra milk is \$0.50 (no reduction for free and reduced)
- **Note:** You are only charged for days your learner eats school breakfast or lunch.



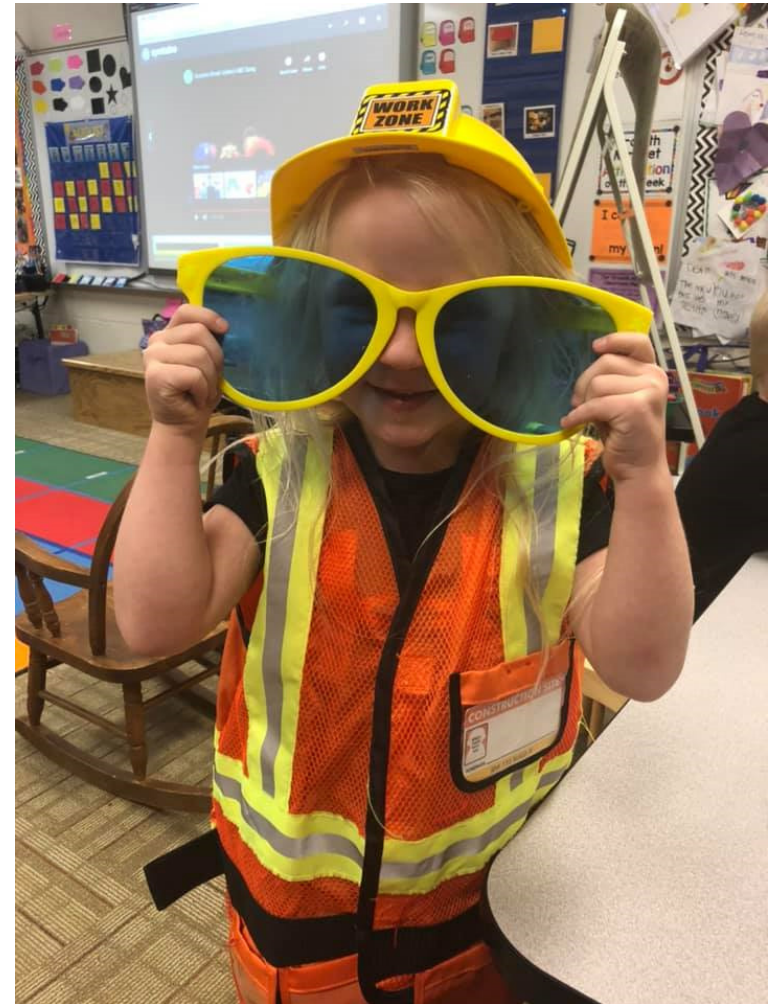
# MISCELLANEOUS

- **Health & Wellness**
  - School Nurse (Allison Gregory)
    - **Health cards (on-line)**
    - Medical conditions
    - Care Plans
  - Illness (phone call and/or e-mail office and bus driver)
  - Elementary Counselor (Mrs. Krinke)
  - Library (Mrs. Smette)
  - P.E. & Music (Mr. Ukestad and Mrs. Kohl)
  - College, Career, Military, and Life (Mrs. Tadych)
  - The Village Family Service Center



# MISCELLANEOUS

- **Behavior**
  - Nurtured Heart Approach
- **Communication**
  - Alerts
  - E-mail
  - Daily take-home folders
  - Daily planners
  - Parent-Educator conferences (scheduled)
  - Phone calls
  - Monthly newsletter
  - Weekly 'Memo'
  - SeeSaw and Empower
  - Monthly calendar
  - Dates to Know





# MISCELLANEOUS

- **Personal Belongings**

- Cubbies
  - Label personal items (i.e.—backpacks, clothing, and supplies)
    - If it is valuable, don't send it on the bus or to school

- **Visitors**

- Must register and wear a sticker (in the office)
  - Need a valid state ID
- If you want to visit your child's classroom, please provide the educator with 24-hour notice; **PLEASE VISIT**

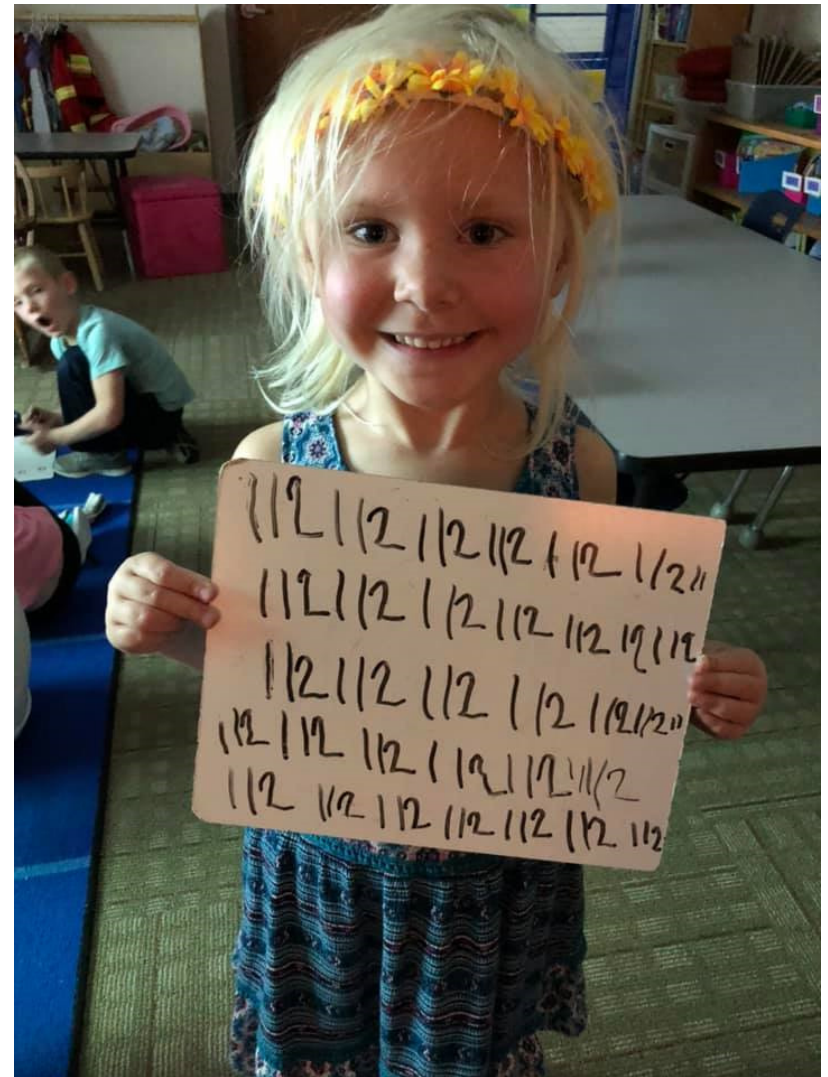
- **Emergency Drills**

- Fire
- Tornado
- Lockdown



# PRE-K PRIORITY STANDARDS

1. Identify & describe title, author, and illustrator of a book
2. Identify and name uppercase and lowercase letters
3. Identify the amount of syllables in given words
4. Identify the beginning sounds in given words
5. Identify and produce rhyming words
6. Identify and produce sounds of uppercase/lowercase letters in isolation
7. Identify and write beginning sounds to represent words in sentences
8. Recite numbers in the correct order up to 20
9. Identify and name numbers from 0 to 20
10. Give one number word to each counted object from 1 to 10
11. Name the number of items in a set without counting each object up to 5 (subitizing)
12. Compare groups of objects up to 10
13. Use objects to solve simple addition problems within 5
14. Use objects to solve simple subtraction problems within 5
15. Recognize and duplicate simple patterns
16. Order objects by size and length
17. Identify common two-dimensional shapes



# A TYPICAL DAY—MORNING

- 8:20 a.m. Bus Drop Off
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Routine and Centers
- 9:30 a.m. Morning Meeting, News
- 10:00 a.m. Reading Whole Group,  
Personalized Centers
- 10:50 a.m. Lunch
- 11:20 a.m. Story, Show and Tell
- 11:30 a.m. Sensory Stations, Book Browsing



# A TYPICAL DAY—AFTERNOON

- 11:50 a.m. Recess
- 12:25 p.m. Calendar, Math Whole Group, Personalized Centers
- 1:10 p.m. Free Play & Planners
- 1:50 p.m. Snack
- 2:25 p.m. Music and Gym
- 3:15 p.m. Packing-up, End of Day Routine
- 3:20 p.m. Dismissal and Load Bus





# CONCLUSION

- Final Thoughts
  - Registration Form
  - Open Enrollment Form – due by February 29, 2024
  - \$100 Deposit
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