



Preston Elementary

"Every Student, Every Day, Every Opportunity!"

At Preston we have a passion for helping our students to be more than they realize they can be. This school year, we currently have 270 young students who are walking the hallways and learning about much more than the Common Core and Ohio Standards. The staff and I have a firm belief on focusing on not only literacy, numeracy and Ohio Standards at Preston, but also on kindness, acceptance of those different than us and being a leader.

Every day the instruction is determined by the Common Core and Ohio Standards. Our staff realizes and embraces the challenge that they are establishing the foundation for learning for all students for today and years to come. Preston students have a variety of needs which are met every day by the entire Preston Family. The Preston Family consists of a great number of stakeholders that help us always move in the right direction for our students. We not only have certified classroom teaching staff, intervention specialists, support staff, a Title 1 reading instructor, an EL instructor, a secretary, a school nurse, two custodians, a speech therapist, occupational and physical therapists, but we also have a plethora of support that comes from outside of our building.

Our Resource Officer, Ed Dennis provides the students with support and programs all throughout the year. The Ohio State University partners with us and brings in their Summit Extension Program to focus on health and wellness with the students. ArtSparks is an amazing program that each year comes and works with our third grade students in the area of combining the arts with the academic areas. Our 5th grade Soap Box Derby Team couldn't do what they do without the financial support of Gavin Scott Salon and Century 2000. These are just a small number of partners we have already established as we start the school year. We grow the list all year long of amazing individuals, groups and sponsors that enhance the learning environment for students as well as staff.

We focus on Black Tiger Pride and have clear expectations for what that looks like within the walls of Preston and outside of our building. Each year the students all participate in numerous programs and events that benefit someone other than themselves. We help our local Good Neighbors, Akron Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald House, and the Children's Leukemia Society to name a few.

Preston was described by a first grade teacher one letter at a time:

- P ...people that are family and work together to meet the needs of children.
- R ...respect we have for our peers and our principal.
- E ...education that is the quality every child deserves.
- S ...students who know they come to school each day to a caring environment.
- T ...teachers who work tirelessly to meet the needs of every child.
- O ...outstanding way the faculty and staff join together to be there for a family member in need.
- N ...nothing could make me want to leave Preston.