

Preston Elementary School Profile

At Preston we have a passion for helping our students be more than they even realize they can be. We currently have over 280 young students who are walking our hallways and learning about so much more than the Common Core and Ohio Standards. The staff and I have a firm belief on focusing not only on literacy, numeracy and Ohio Standards at Preston, but also on kindness, acceptance of those different from ourselves and being a leader.

At Preston, the Common Core and Ohio Standards guide our instruction everyday. Our staff realizes and embraces the challenge that they are establishing the foundation for learning for all of our students with a team approach in all we do. Daily they engage them in the learning process by creative teaching, using technology and providing a caring and safe environment where the students do not hesitate to take charge of their learning. Whether in a whole class setting, small groups or individual learning stations, Preston students are having their needs met each and every day. You will also find messages everywhere regarding kindness, leadership and believing in oneself. One can go into classrooms on any given day and witness lessons and classroom meetings based upon working together to help each other achieve our goals. One of my Intervention Specialists told me she feels "Preston is where I can fulfill my passion of working with children in a kind and caring atmosphere. We develop the academic and social skills they need to be successful."

In addition to an amazing staff, there are other stakeholders at Preston who assist us in moving forward and helping our students in many ways. We are fortunate to have an amazing resource officer, Officer Dennis, who works with us as well as Police Chief Jack Davis who comes in each year to provide programming and give support to our students. Our PTA is continually looking for ways to enhance learning for our students. They are working collaboratively with us to provide supplemental programs and activities that will provide amazing student and family experiences. It is also extremely important that we provide our students with the chance to participate in service projects for others. Each year we have multiple opportunities for our students and staff to provide help to Akron Children's Hospital, Akron Chapter of the Ronald McDonald House, Children's Leukemia Society, Toys for Tots and Good Neighbors. We are very excited this year to welcome The Ohio State University and their Summit Extension into our building to bring our students a program on health and wellness.

We are also striving to increase our positive interactions with each other, our students and our families. A recent graduate of Preston shared with me she felt Preston is a “very cheerful place and everyone is always spreading kindness.” We are always looking for opportunities to help each other and support our students and their families in any way we can. At Preston, since we believe kindness matters, we also believe in modeling it for our students every day. We are proud to be Black Tigers. As one of our first grade teachers shared with me, she is proud to be at Preston where we “personalize education for all of our students to meet their academic, as well as, their emotional needs.” She also described Preston one letter at a time:

P ...people that are friends 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 in 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.

One of our second grade teachers summed it up when she said, “We have an awesome and dedicated staff who want the best for our students! Preston students are the best!

We are proud to be Black Tigers at Preston School!”