Welcome to Kindergarten 2020-2021
My name is Dawn Cade and I have been teaching for 17 years. Sixteen of those years have been in Kindergarten and the other year in 1st grade. I have my BA in Elementary Education and an MA in Curriculum and Instruction with an endorsement in Early Childhood.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my husband and 2 children and going to their extracurricular activities.
Ms. Freye – Ifreye@lps.org

Ms. Freye has been teaching kindergarten at Maxey School for 23 years. Before that she was a Head Start teacher at Everett Elementary, taught 2-3 grades in Columbus, NE, taught at UNL in Early Childhood Education, and was a staff developer at the Nebraska Department of Education. Ms. Freye has degrees in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education from Doane and a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education from UNL. She is very active in the Lincoln Education Association and is a Director for the National Education Association. Linda enjoys spending time with friends and family, watching Netflix, and traveling.

Day 1 – Music/P.E.
Day 2 – P.E./Music
Day 3 – Library/Computer
Day 4 – Computer/Library
Day 5 – Art
Mrs. Gruhl – sgruhl@lps.org

Mrs. Gruhl has been teaching Kindergarten for 23 years. Thirteen of those years have been at Maxey. She has been a teacher at Maxey for 25 years. This is Mrs. Gruhl’s 42nd year of teaching.

She has degrees in Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education and Educational Psychology. She has done advanced study in Curriculum and Instruction and has her endorsement in Gifted Education.

When not at school, Mrs. Gruhl enjoys time with her family, going to movies and reading.

Day 1 – P.E./Music
Day 2 – Library/Computer
Day 3 – Computer/Library
Day 4 – Art
Day 5 – Music/P.E.
Welcome to the Red Bird classroom. My name is Alisha Thompson and this is my 6th year teaching kindergarten at Maxey. I have a B.A. in Business Administration and an M.A. in Elementary Education. My husband and I have four children. My oldest son Noah is a senior at Wesleyan, Joshua is a Sophomore, Gavin is an 8th grader, and Sarah is a 6th grader. When there are no sporting events, musical events, or dance recitals, we enjoy taking the weekend to go camping!

Day 1 – Art
Day 2 – Music/P.E.
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Hello! My name is Anna Codr. I grew up here in Lincoln, but currently live in Seward with my husband, Dylan. We have been married for 2 years and are expecting our first child in January! This is my fourth year of teaching. I taught first grade for one year here at Maxey and this is my third year in kindergarten. I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2017 with my degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Development. I am currently working on my Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from Doane.

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Literacy

Big Books
Trade Books
Content Books
Pocket Chart
Poems
Vocabulary
Drama
Word Wall
High Frequency Words
Guided Reading
Skill Groups
Phonemic Awareness
Literacy Workstations
Writing

Quarter 1 – Patterned Stories

Quarter 2 – Stories from our lives

Quarter 3 - Poetry

Quarter 4 - Research
Math

Unit 1
Understand Numbers 1 – 10

Unit 2
Explore 5-Groups

Unit 3
Teen Numbers as Tens and Ones

Unit 4
Partners, Problem Drawings and Tens

Unit 5
Consolidation of Concepts
## Integrated Studies

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Students will return and check out books during library time

Begin with one book and move to two

One “just right” book

One “looking” book

Whole class lesson during specials
Lunch

- Deposit money in your child’s SNAP account
- Lunch cost is $2.45
- Milk cost is 50¢
- We leave for lunch between 10:55 and 11:00
- Parents/Relatives are welcome to join child for lunch (This is suspended during COVID-19 protocols)
- Adult lunch is $3.85
- All adults must check in at the SEM desk (No non-staff adults allowed in the building during COVID-19 protocols)
- Students are able to go to recess at 11:20 but may continue eating as long as they need
- Lunch recess is 15 minutes
- Let us know about any food allergies
- After spring break in March students will begin entering their SNAP number
• Please take a moment to look over the Morning Drop off diagram to help keep the traffic flowing. As always, remember to have students ready to exit the car and follow all traffic signs and laws. To see a larger image, go to the Documents Tab. https://ptooffice.mjssoftware.com/mywebsite/Maxey_Elementary_PTO_NE/Documents_Forms
Morning Drop off at Maxey Elementary

**Front Lane (West Lane)**
- **Orange Cars**: choose a line, stay in that line, wait to move up to drop off areas
- **Blue Cars**: pull up along the drop off curb all the way to the handicap parking spot, quickly drop off children, wait for the 5 purple cars to pass, then cross to the outside lane and leave
- **DO NOT TURN RIGHT, Left Turn Only**
- **Purple Cars**: pull up in the outside lane to the sign on the left side, wait for the 5 blue cars to leave, then cross to inside lane and pull all the way up to the end of the Kindergarten playground fence, quickly let your kids out, then leave
- **DO NOT TURN RIGHT, Left Turn Only**

**Side Lane (North Lane)**
- **Orange Cars**: wait in line and wait to move up to drop off areas
- **Green Cars**: Pull up past the crosswalk, 5 cars let kids out, leave
- **DO NOT TURN LEFT, Right Turn Only**

*If you need more time, please park in the parking lot or side streets. Use crosswalks and follow Lincoln traffic laws and no parking signs.*
Wednesday Folders

- Receive on Wednesday, return on Thursday
- Will contain - classroom, school and community information as well as student papers

Newsletters

- As needed by e-mail - will contain classroom activity and curriculum news
Activation Key for Parents/Guardians
An Activation Key is required for parents to login to LPS Synergy ParentVUE. Each parent & guardian with educational rights receive an individual letter containing an Activation Key.

View course grades (Secondary Only)
View your student’s current grades and assignments. Students have access to a StudentVUE account so they can login on their own.

Track attendance
Access student’s attendance data, including absences and tardies.

Receive e-mail alerts
Communications from teachers, optionally receive e-mail messages with attendance alerts and/or grade stats. Set threshold for instances where your student’s grades rise or fall (Secondary only)

Communicate with teachers
Login to view class communications sent by teachers, and click on a teacher’s name to send e-mail directly referencing student and course.

Mobile Access
Access your student’s grades and attendance on-the-go with the free ParentVUE mobile app (iOS & Android).

More information: http://www.lps.org/parents/
Visiting the Classroom

- During the COVID-19 protocols all volunteering has been suspended. We look forward to having volunteers again in the future.
PTO sponsored Class Parties

Fall Party – October 30th

Spring Party – February 12th

PTO has notified parents of donation requests. Teachers will host the party.

Join the PTO - $10

Student directory w/membership
Field Trips and Special Events

None scheduled at this time.
Teachers will keep you informed as the year progresses.
“Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports”

- Behavior Expectations: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

- Focuses on proactively **teaching** and **practicing** school-wide and classroom expectations

- Encourages teachers to intentionally build relationships with kids—focusing more on positive interactions than correction