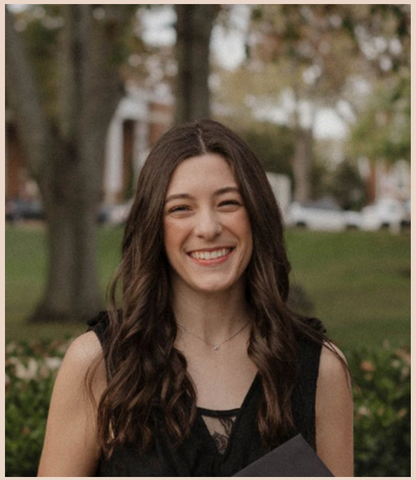
Riverview Grade School

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

2026-2027

Miss Deutsch

Teacher



Hello!

This will be my 4th year of teaching, and 2nd year in Bright Beginnings! I finished grad school this Summer, and am licensed to teach early childhood (general) education and preschool-22yrs special education. I am the 5th of 8 children in my family. I love being outside, spending time with family & friends, traveling, line dancing, and trying new food and coffee places!

Mrs. Staples

Teacher Assistant

Hello!!

This will be my 9th year at Riverview, and 5th year in Bright Beginnings!

I have two sons who are both 19, and two daughters, one being 17 and one 13. I have one brother and one sister. I love animals, my family has 5 dogs and 5 birds. The birds will be rotated throughout the year as our class pet!

COMMUNICATION

ClassDojo - We will post announcements, photos, and weekly newsletters on the ClassDojo app. You can also text Ms. Deutsch through this.

Email - You can email Ms. Deutsch at adeutsch@wcsea.us.

Weekly Newsletter - You can find upcoming events, reminders, and what we are learning on the weekly newsletter posted on the ClassDojo app.

RGS - You can find school info/events on the Riverview Grade School Facebook page, website, or by calling the office 309-822-8550.

WCSEA - You can get info on Bright Beginnings and other WCSEA programs on the website (WCSEA.us) or by calling the office 309-443-2118.

Conferences will be held in October. You will get a sign up form prior to them.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Location:

Main entrance doors at Riverview Grade School

Arrival procedures:

Please wait at the sidewalk with your students and have them line up with their teachers at the main doors.
Bus riders will be picked up from the bus.

No early arrivals.

Late arrivals need to contact Ms. Deutsch and be signed in with the office.

Times:

AM class 8:10-10:40am
PM class 12:25-2:55pm

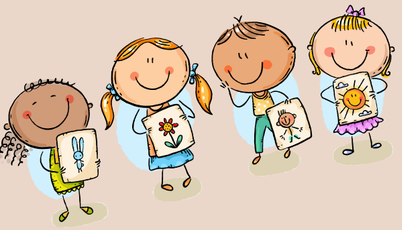
Dismissal procedures:

Please wait for your student on the sidewalk in front of the main entrance and sign them out with their teachers.
Bus riders will be walked to the bus.

CALENDAR

Year calendar will be sent home with your student and posted on the WCSEA website Bright Beginnings page.

Monthly calendars will go home on the back of student folders. Please keep this in their folder for the entire month.



CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

HIGHSCOPE

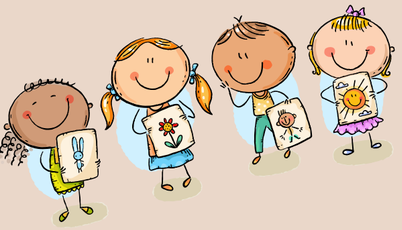
Highscope:

Bright Beginnings uses the HighScope Curriculum. HighScope's emphasizes "active participatory learning." This includes direct, hands-on learning experiences with people, objects, events, and ideas. HighScope takes the learning process to a higher level by applying methods that promote independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, persistence, creativity, and problem solving in young children

Our program also follows the Illinois Early Learning Standards.

This curriculum features learning in the following areas:

1. Approaches to Learning
2. Social & Emotional Learning
3. Physical Development & Health
4. Language, Literacy, & Communication
5. Math
6. Creative arts
7. Science & Technology
8. Social Studies



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Second Step:

Social-Emotional Learning curriculum.

Heggerty:

Phonological awareness curriculum that works on skills such as letter knowledge, letter sounds, rhyming, blending, and segmenting words.

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT

Reports:

Our program uses several types of authentic assessments to gather, record, and report information on your child's learning and development. Several times a school year, families will receive a preschool skills summary packet that is based off the High Scope Curriculum. This "report card" contains a checklist for each area of development as well as a written summary for each area of development.

Portfolio:

Each family will receive a portfolio of samples of your child's work, pictures, and written records at at the end of the school year.

Progress Updates:

Students who receive special education services, will also receive progress reports that are sent home at the same time as report cards for Riverview K-8 students.

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME WHEN...

CONTACT MYSELF OR THE RIVERVIEW OFFICE PRIOR TO CLASS TO NOTE ABSENCES

- They have a persistent sore throat, cough or runny nose
- They have had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea **in the last 24 hours** (fever free without medication to return)
- They have a rash, mouth sore, or eye discharge
- They have an illness that prevents them from comfortably participating in classroom activities (including bad colds or coughs)
- They have an illness which calls for greater care than staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of others
- They have lethargy, persistent crying, difficulty breathing or swallowing, or any other signs of severe illness
- They have ANY sign of communicable disease such as chicken pox, pink eye, hand/foot/mouth disease, etc.
- Feeling “out of it” or just under the weather

****Any contagious illness resulting in a long-term out of school period (3 days) requires a physician’s note before returning to school****

DRESS CODE

For your child's independence we ask that you avoid rompers, belts, and overalls and practice buttoning and zipping pants and jackets. This helps so much at school when we have many kiddos to help with clothing. We play outside daily, so we ask that your child wear gym shoes - NO flip flops, boots, sandals, crocs, etc. - as these can be difficult and unsafe to wear on the woodchips at the playground.

When dressing your child, please consider:

Close-toed shoes when possible
Jackets when it is chilly/rainy
Hats and mittens instead of gloves in the winter
Avoiding rompers, as it makes using the restroom more difficult

SNACK

Riverview will provide a healthy snack and milk/water for students daily. Please contact Ms. Deutsch with any allergies so we can accommodate for those!

BIRTHDAYS

We will celebrate classroom birthdays in a small way for each student!
If you would like to send in a treat for your student to share with the class, you can send in pre-packaged treats. Please let Ms. Deutsch know in advance if you will be sending something in and she will let you know how many students to count for!

TOILETING

Please have your student try to use the restroom directly before coming to school. If your student wears diapers or pull-ups, please change them directly before coming to school. Please practice independence in using the bathroom at home daily.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please refer to the specific reminders and procedures **regularly.** These will be sent home with your student at the beginning of the school year, and are linked in the Riverview section on the WCSEA Bright Beginnings webpage.

Please refer to your monthly and yearly Riverview Bright Beginnings calendar **regularly.**
There are dates and activities on the Riverview Bright Beginnings calendar that differ from Riverview K-8, as well as days that either the AM and/or PM class will not be in attendance.

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

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