

# Hi! From Mrs. Kalander!

## ABOUT ME

Hello, my name is Nicole (Nikki) Kalander and I am so excited to have your son/daughter in my classroom next Fall. I have lived in the Phillips and Prentice area for my entire life. I am married to my husband, Todd, and we have 2 daughters, Ali age 16 and Layne age 13. We have a dog, an inside cat, and a variety of outside cats. We love the outdoors; we camp, swim, explore, hunt, and soak up the summer sun as often as we can! I have taught in the Phillips district for over 20 years, and have taught Kindergarten through third grade. This is my 13th year (I believe, time sure flies when you're having fun) in Kindergarten and I know that this is where I am truly meant to teach, I love everything about Kindergarten!



## EXPECTATIONS FOR YOUR SCHOLAR

I think it is very important to work together as a classroom family. It is important to treat each other with respect and kindness and always try your best!

## PARENT CORNER

During the summer please read to your child often. developing a love of reading early is very important. Please have your kindergartener practice writing his/her name (first letter capital, the following letters small). Also, review counting, letters and sounds, and practice fine motor skills such as coloring, cutting, and writing letters.

## MY FAVORITE THINGS

COLOR- Purple

SNACK- Chips, FOOD-Anything Italian

BOOK-Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

(and so many more!)

DRINK- Coffee and Bubblr

SONG-Anything rock and fun

ANIMAL- Dogs & cats

SEASON-Summer

**Supplies that your Kindergartener will need: (Please label items with your child's name)**

- 1-pair of metal scissors
- 1-box of crayons (24 count)
- 1-supply box (5"x8" is good)
- 1-pair of gym shoes
- 1-set of extra clothes in case of accidents/spills
- 1-paint smock
- 1-set of headphones (no earbuds)
- 10- #2 pencils (without the plastic wrap designs, they jam the pencil sharpeners)
- 10-glue sticks
- 1-large eraser
- 1-DURABLE PLASTIC folder
- 1-single subject notebook

**Classroom supplies needed: (no need to label)**

In an effort to save space in our new classroom I am asking that each child bring in 1 each of the following items in the Fall and I will ask for 1 of each of the following items again mid way through the year.

- 1-container of Lysol wipes
- 1-package of baby wipes
- 1-roll of paper towel
- 1-large package of napkins
- 1-box of Kleenex
- 1-box of ziplock bags (any size)

**\*\*We make a "trail-mix" for morning snack each day, please send**

**2-boxes/bags of snack items to add to the mix. Great additions are goldfish, cheez-its, pretzels, cereal, or oyster crackers. I will ask that these "trail mix" snacks be sent in periodically throughout the year as we run low. When more trail mix snack is needed I will send a note home. \*\***

## **Kindergarten ROCKS!**

*I am looking forward to meeting you and having your child in my classroom. It is sure to be a year full of learning, challenge, and excitement. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have questions or concerns, or just to talk about your child's progress!*

# Meet the **TEACHER**

## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Hello! My name is Mrs. Yasaitis and I'm excited to be your kindergarten teacher next year! I cannot wait to see you in the fall. I'm looking forward to a year full of learning, fun, and adventures. I can't wait to learn all about you, but first I'll tell you a little bit about me.

### About Me

I grew up in Phillips and only moved away to attend Alverno College in Milwaukee. I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a minor in early childhood education. This will be my fifth year teaching kindergarten in Phillips. I live in Phillips with my two boys (Kaelyb-17 and Izyck-12). I enjoy reading, crafting, hiking, building Lego creations, swimming, and watching movies.



### Favorites

- Food:** Pasta
- Drink:** Starburst Water (orange or cherry)
- Candy:** Chocolate (no nuts or caramel)
- Hobby:** Reading & Lego building
- Book:** Pigeon Books by Mo Willems
- Subject:** Reading
- Color:** Orange and magenta



# SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

## Individual Supplies

(Please label the supplies below with your child's name)

- 1-backpack
- 1-box of crayons (24 count only)
- 1-bottle of white glue
- 1-small, plastic supply box (5"x8")
- 1-pair of gym shoes-to leave at school
- 1-complete set of spare clothes (in case of an accident or spill)
- 1-paint smock (an old, large t-shirt works well)-no plastic smocks
- 1-pair lightweight stereo headphones for technology use (no earbuds)
- 1-spiral bound, wide-ruled notebook
- 15-glue sticks
- 8 pencils (not mechanical please)
- 1-large eraser
- 1-durable plastic or vinyl folder

## Community Classroom Supplies

(These will need to be replenished throughout the year.)

- 2 boxes of crackers or cereal (for our morning trail mix)
- 2 containers of Lysol/Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 large package of napkins
- 1 box of tissues

Be sure to take advantage of back to school sales and purchase extra supplies (glue sticks, crayons, pencils) to replenish your child's supply as needed.

## Special Parent Note:

During the summer please read to your child often, developing a love of reading early is very important. Please have your kindergartener practice writing his/her first name (first letter capital, the remaining letters small). Also, review counting, letters and sounds, and practice fine motor skills such as coloring, cutting, and printing letters.