




Ross School Kindergarten Round Up

February 13, 2018
9-10:30 a.m.



Who Are We?

Melissa Benson
K-4 Principal

Dr. Michael McDowell
Superintendent

Debbie Wolfe
Chief Business Officer

Sarah Buck
Kindergarten Teacher

Tara Robinson
Kindergarten Teacher

Who Supports Us?

Stephanie Robinson
Trustee

Craig Slayen
Foundation President

Debbie Pilerio & Sarah Kruttschnitt
PTO co-presidents

AJ Holdsambeck, counselor

Laura Bauernfeind, nurse

Kristin & Dana, room parents

Ross Recreation

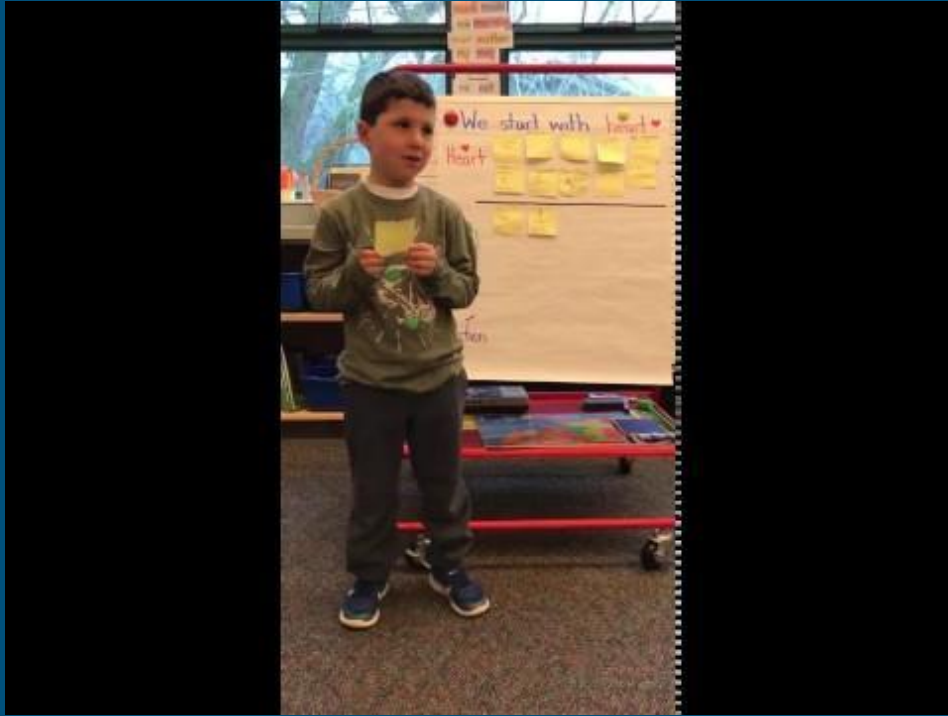


- Sarah Buck was originally from Connecticut and completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology at Eastern University.
- Sarah has her teaching credential and Masters of Art in Education and Curriculum Development and has also completed the coursework for her Special Education Credential.
- Sarah has been an elementary teacher for 13 years, 7 of them in Kindergarten.



- Tara Robinson was born in sunny San Diego. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a major in Biology and a minor in Education.
- Tara attended Saint Mary's College of California for her teaching credential and Masters of Art in Teaching with a focus on Common Core Reading Comprehension.
- Tara taught kindergarten and first grade in the Walnut Creek School District for six years.

Heart, Mind, and Action in Kindergarten



Students Develop Habits of Heart, Mind and Action

Heart... Be Kind

Mind... Think deeply and creatively

Action... Challenge yourself! Do your very best!

We start with heart and build on with **COMPASSION!**

Growth Mindset and the Power of Yet

What is it?

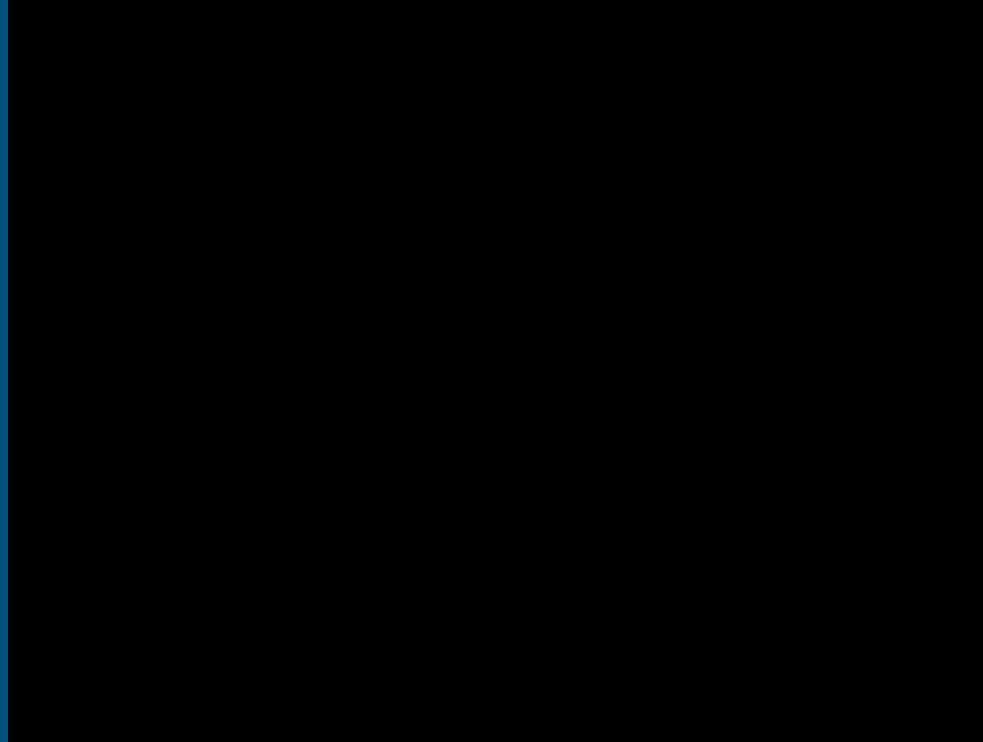
We used to think that our intelligence was fixed – meaning we were either smart or we weren't.

Scientists have proven again and again that simply is not true. Our brain acts like a muscle – the more we use it, the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes.

What does a Growth Mindset look like?

A person with a growth mindset may do these things:

- embrace challenges
- give their best effort
- learn from feedback
- become inspired by other people's successes
- believe their intelligence can change if they work hard...The Power of YET!



What you can expect to see in our classrooms

- Differentiated instruction
- Small, focused group instruction
- Learning Partners
- Visible Learning
- Formative and summative assessments



Social Emotional Development

The importance of play and brain breaks



“Play seems to be one of the most advanced methods nature has invented to allow a complex brain to create itself.”

(Stuart Brown, M.D. 2010)

Specialist Classes



S.T.E.M.

P.E.

Cyber Cafe

Music

Art

Library

Spanish



Preparing your child for kindergarten

Students should be able to:

- share and take turns
- transition between activities
- articulate thoughts, feelings and a need for help
- build stamina
- accept making mistakes
- exhibit independence

Play dates

June 5th or June 7th

2:30-4pm

Q & A



Student Lead School Tours

Pick a color and join your group
