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TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

The most important step in building something that stands the test of time is a strong foundation. The Primary School is where Early School (ES) through 4th grade students grow academically, emotionally, and socially.

In addition to math, science, reading, writing, and word study, students participate in physical education and fine or performing arts every day. They have regular access to world language instruction, including Spanish, French, and Mandarin Chinese. Most importantly, all classes are conducted under the watchful eyes of Prairie's expert educators. Every Primary School classroom has a full-time teacher and an assistant, with an overall student:teacher ratio of 4:1. This allows our faculty to truly know, value, support, and challenge your child while focusing on their individual needs and skills.

However, for your child to really thrive – to start becoming their best self – we understand the importance of working together. That's why our parents are always welcome on campus, always invited into the hallways and classrooms. We're proud of our school, and our families are encouraged to jump in and participate.



Activities and Leadership Opportunities

Even our youngest students are encouraged to capitalize on the countless activities and leadership opportunities available to them here on campus. Songbirds (choir), Student Council, Lego League, Chess, Basketball – these are just a few options.



Buddy Relationships

Prairie's deliberate pairing of every Primary School child with a student in Upper School helps foster intentional mentoring relationships. Older students encourage mentees to think about the world in different, exciting ways; inevitably, our youngest students begin looking forward to when they'll be the ones offering advice.

Experience Prairie For Yourself

Our Admission Office is ready to help you begin your Prairie experience. Call or visit us online to schedule the visit that will change your child's life.

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A day IN THE LIFE...

There is only one word to describe a day in the life of our Primary School: busy! Every day our students are exposed to activities and opportunities intended to further their love of learning, while equipping them with the tools to think, reason, write, and question.

A sample day in the life of a Primary School student:

8:30-9	Morning Jobs and Morning Work
9-10	Math
10-10:30	Physical Education
10:30-11:30	Reading and Literacy
11:30-12:15	Art
12:15-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:15	Recess
1:15-1:45	Character Education
1:45-2:15	World Language
2:15-2:45	Music
2:45-3:10	Computer Lab
3:15-3:45	Student Choice
3:45	Pick-Up

Curriculum in the Primary School is tied together in a number of ways, including thematic units that span multiple subjects, interactive science projects, and field trips.