

MEET THE TEACHERS

Mrs. April Clos & Mrs. Dana Hassinger

Dear Soon-to-be-Preschoolers and Parents,

Welcome to Pre-K 4! My name is Mrs. April Clos and I am so excited to meet you! This is my fourth year teaching preschool here at Brewster. I have a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Oakland University. I previously taught kindergarten for seven years until my husband and I decided to start a family. We have two boys - Caleb who is five and Ethan who is three. We are a sports-loving family and we love staying active.

My assistant this year is Mrs. Dana Hassinger. This is her seventh year here at Brewster. She has a B.S. in Marketing and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education. She has worked at a corporate daycare center in New York City and was a kindergarten teacher in New Jersey. She has three children who all went through Brewster Elementary. Her daughters are in 12th and 10th grades and her son is in 8th grade. She has been very active as a parent at Brewster. She loves to cook, garden, and spend time with her children and rescue dogs. She has a busy life, but wouldn't change a thing!

In our classroom, we learn in a positive, hands-on, safe environment. The HighScope curriculum we use in the preschool program allows for "active participatory learning." Per HighScope, the curriculum "not only helps young children excel in language and cognitive learning but also promotes independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, persistence, creativity, and problem solving — the fundamental skills that help determine success in adult life." Through my various experiences working with children, I have found that children learn best by using all of their senses and HighScope is the perfect curriculum for young learners to experience this.

An important part of a child's education is parent/teacher communication. During the school year, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at: aclos@rochester.k12.mi.us or dhassinger@rochester.k12.mi.us or you can call the classroom at: (248) 726-3360.

Here's to a great year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Clos & Mrs. Hassinger

