

Welcome to the Spruce Room!

We're so excited to start our school year together!

Hello! Welcome to Spruce! My name is Susie Jonn and this is my 10th year teaching at AFC. I have my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and my Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. I grew up in St. Louis and live in Affton with my husband and our two kids, Joe (5) and Allie (1 ½ ). We love to do things outside: swim, ride bikes, go for walks and camping! I love learning alongside your children. I can't wait for an amazing year!

Happy 2020-2021 school year! My name is Lacey Hawkins and I'm thrilled to start my 3rd year here at Ambrose and to start learning with all of our friends! I have my Bachelor's degree and teaching certification in English and am going on my 6th year of teaching. When I'm not working, I love spending time with my husband and daughter as well as reading, staying active, traveling, and exploring nature.

Hi there, I'm Jamie Kessler and welcome to an exciting school year! This will be my 6th year as an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher. For the past 5 years, I've been teaching in Brentwood, but this year I also get to teach at AFC in the mornings. I'm very excited to be a part of the Spruce Room! I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education and my Master's Degree in Special Education from Fontbonne University. I hold two teaching certificates: one in Early Childhood Education and one in Early Childhood Special Education. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my two dogs, (Jude and Mac), strength training, reading, hiking, and watching Blues games - LGB!! I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your child!

Here's what you will need to bring to school! Please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name in a clearly labeled plastic bag!!

- At least one extra mask
- Water bottle (to stay at school)
- Sunscreen & Bug spray
- Two complete changes of clothes
- Framed family photo

Communication will be mainly through Brightwheel (make sure your notifications are turned on through both your phone settings and Brightwheel settings) and email. Please feel free to message your child's teachers through either platform.

***We know there is still some uncertainty and it may feel overwhelming and we want you to know that we will be taking many precautions to ensure our health and safety. We are lucky to have many beautiful outdoor spaces where we will be able to spend lots of time. We will always have your children's best interest at heart and are excited for lots of joy and fun together. We will also be giving each other lots of grace as we navigate this together.***

We can't wait to see you soon and don't forget to wash your hands and mask up!

Ms. Susie, Ms. Lacey, and Ms. Jamie