

What Makes Kinder at Gale Grrreat?

- **Inquiry Based/ Hands-On Learning**
- **90 Minute Daily Reading & Writing Block**
- **60 Minute Daily Math Block**
- **Thematic Science, Social Studies, & Art**
- **P.E., Music, & Library Enrichment**
- **Kind School Focus/ Character Building**
- **Daily Recess/ Playtime**
- **After School Sports/ Clubs**
- **Active PTC**
- **Family Engagement Activities**
- **Reading With Dogs Program**
- **Field Trips/ Special Presenters**



Spaces Available- Register Now!

For more information call: 520-731-4500 or email: cynthia.franks@tusd1.org

Meet the Kindergarten Teachers

Ms. Peregrina:

Sky Room



I was born in California and moved to Arizona when I was 14 years old. I have Bachelor and Master degrees from the University of Arizona. I am

endorsed in Early Childhood, am National Board Certified and have been trained as a STEM teacher for ACST (Arizona Center for STEM Teachers). I have taught grades K-3, but kinder is my passion and I have been fortunate to teach kinder for much of my 30 year teaching career.

I have two grown daughters that attended Gale and live here in Tucson. I am the very proud Mima of two young grandsons, Landon and Jacob.

I love learning just like my students. I believe that children learn from inquiry based, hands-on experiences. I also believe in educating the whole child. I have spent my entire career at Gale because of the amazing staff, students, and families.

Mrs. Pessin:

Butterfly Room



I am originally from Mesa, Arizona and went to college at Northern Arizona University. There I earned my Bachelor of Science in Education and my

Master of Education in Educational Leadership. I worked at Erickson Elementary for 10 years where I taught both 3rd and 2nd grade. This is my 11th year teaching kindergarten at Gale.

I have been married for 19 years and have two wonderful children who are both Gale alumni. My son Conner is a senior and my daughter Emma is a freshman in high school.

I strive to create a warm and inviting classroom environment. My hope is for every student to have an excitement for learning, to have confidence in their abilities, and to do their personal best. I am proud to call Gale home and am so happy to be part of such a great community of teachers, students, and parents.

Ms. Schlak:

Sunshine Room



I am a Tucson native and attended all TUSD schools. I received my Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Education in Early

Childhood Education from Northern Arizona University. I taught 2nd and 3rd grade at Erickson Elementary for 10 years. This is my 11th year teaching kindergarten at Gale Elementary.

I am the mother of two incredible kids who attended Gale kinder-5th grade. My son Davin is now a senior and my daughter Kilee is a sophomore at Sahuaro High School.

My mission as a teacher is to foster a love of learning through meaningful experiences, inquiry thinking, mutual respect, and high expectations. I am so happy to be a part of such a strong learning community at Gale!

