



Dear Families,

Hello and welcome to kindergarten! My name is Kim Crow and I will be your child's teacher this year. I am looking forward to an exciting year of growing and learning together in the Elephant Class. My favorite elephant is "Elmer", a delightful patchwork elephant who learns that it's o.k. to be different from all of his elephant friends. He definitely stands out in a crowd and is sure to brighten up our room!

This will be my seventh year at Alston Ridge. Prior to coming here, I taught for 15 years in the Durham Public Schools. During my years in Durham I taught Kindergarten, First-Grade, and served as a Reading Interventionist/ K-1 Literacy Coach. My passion is Literacy and I look forward to sharing my love of children's literature and the joy of learning to read and write with your child!

My husband David and I have three grown children (Paige, Gabe, & Tess) who are the joy of our lives. Also part of the family is a spoiled rotten rescue pup named Darcy! Though we live in Durham, our home is just 5 minutes away from school and I couldn't be more thrilled to be so close! My happy place is the mountains and I love to read, take long walks with our dog, and just hang out with family and friends.

In a very short time your children and I will become a "school family" and it is my hope that your child will feel cared for and experience a "home away from home" in our classroom. I believe that children can reach their fullest potential when they feel safe and nurtured. One of my goals as a Kindergarten teacher is to help foster an early positive attitude toward learning so that your child will develop confidence and a willingness to take risks. One of our Alston Ridge slogans is "Fail Forward". . . . we hope to give your child the security to try new things and learn that mistakes are a good thing because that's often when we learn the most or learn to keep trying.

We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Bri Raiche as our Instructional Assistant this year. Prior to coming to Alston Ridge she taught in Highpoint, NC with the "Teach for America" program and she is an AWESOME addition to our classroom!

Again, I want to warmly welcome you and very much look forward to teaching your child this year. Please feel free to contact me at 544-2474 or [kcrow@wcpss.net](mailto:kcrow@wcpss.net) with any questions or concerns.

Warmly,  
Mrs. Crow