Hello! My name is **Heather Rock**, and I am your child's Intermediate (3-5) teacher for 2026-2027. I am so excited to get to know all my students!

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME & OUR CLASSROOM

I'm thrilled to begin my 26th year in teaching, with most of those years spent at TPS! I'm excited to spend my days with your child(ren), and I love that three of my four children are also part of The Project School community. When our family isn't at TPS, you can find us traveling to visit family, exploring new places, or cheering on our oldest son at his high school hockey games. I have a passion for reading and book collecting, which I love to share in the classroom. I'm also dedicated to creating learning opportunities that incorporate the topics that interest and matter to students.

Your child can call me Heather. My pronouns are she/her.
You can reach me at hrock@theprojectschool.org.

HIGHLIGHTS YOU CAN EXPECT IN OUR FIRST FEW WEEKS

We will begin with a focus on building a caring and inclusive community. Through a variety of activities, we'll explore our identities both in and out the classroom, fostering an environment where everyone feels included, supported, and comfortable taking risks. We'll also take the time to identify each student's strengths and set goals across all areas of the curriculum. Additionally, we'll discuss and consider what type of learning environment will best support students' growth, ensuring that each child has a positive and productive start to the school year. We will play together and solve problems and challenges to bring together our new community.

INTRODUCING OUR ARTS & INCLUSION TEACHERS

Here are some additional educators who support the learning of our students:

Sara Irvine (Ms. Sara, she/her) – Visual Arts Specialist
Howdy from (K-8) Visual Arts at TPS with Ms. Sara. I've been with TPS since its 2008 inception and am one of the founders of this wild and wonderful place. When I'm not at TPS2 wrangling the Visual Arts Rodeo, I am at home with my 5 horses, 5 dogs, and one cat. One of my favorite times of year is when all the TPS babes come to Yard Dogs Farm for Field Days. Giddy-up! Reach me: sirvine@theprojectschool.org.

Chris Bultman (Mr. Chris, he/him) – Performing Arts Specialist
Mr. Chris has been the Performing Arts specialist for TPS since 2010, and this year marks his 32nd year of teaching. He began in 1994 at The Curtis School in Los Angeles, where he also spent many of those sixteen "California years" as a performer in music, theatre, and TV – including brief co-starring roles as rather random French doctors on the soap opera "Days of Our Lives." Aside from his passion for all things performing arts, Chris loves outdoors, his dog Moshi, and his big, loving family! Reach me: cbultman@theprojectschool.org.

Nicole Eller (Nicole, she/her) – Intermediate Inclusion Teacher
I am looking forward to another year as the Inclusion Teacher at The Project School, serving students in grades 3-5. I provide academic and additional supports and strive to challenge students, so they meet their full potential. Meaningful connections allow students to thrive, succeed and find joy in learning. Identifying needs is key to providing quality supports. I am the parent of twin TPS grads entering high school, and a recent high school grad dipping her toe into young adulthood. I vote for mysteries as the best genre. Reach me: neller@theprojectschool.org.

WHERE OUR CLASSROOM IS LOCATED

Our classroom is in the Main Building on the third floor on the west side. Your child will enter through the Main Building front door, up the ramp, each morning. Once they enter the front door, they'll turn left to go to the west hallway. They will then make an immediate left and take the staircase up TWO FLIGHTS to find our classroom at the very top! If there are students with mobility issues, there will be an elevator for their use. And when family members are visiting, if they have mobility issues, the elevator will also be available for them.

WHO ELSE AT TPS CAN HELP!

We want to make sure that you know that everyone on our staff is excited to welcome you and your child, and eager to help all of you feel comfortable at the start of the new year! Specifically, we want to mention some key people and the roles they play, along with their contact information. You can always find their names and contact information on the website, too:

Lori Ihle – School Principal
Contact Ms. Lori with overarching instructional questions (beyond classroom curricular topics)
lihle@theprojectschool.org

Nicole Eller – Special Education Coordinator
Contact Nicole with questions about Individual Education Plans and support services
neller@theprojectschool.org

Alex Wulf – Office & Facilities Manager
Contact Alex with administrative and payment questions
awulf@theprojectschool.org

Angie Fish – Food Services Director
Contact Angie with meals-related questions
afish@theprojectschool.org

Bri Jacobson – Health Aide
Contact Bri with health and medication questions
health@theprojectschool.org

Rene Riley – Life Skills Coach | Mike Emmert – Social-Emotional Learning
Contact Ms. Rene & Mr. Mike with social-emotional or socio-economic support needs
rriley@theprojectschool.org | memmert@theprojectschool.org

Amy Jackson – Communications & Outreach Director
Contact Ms. Amy with communications, website, and events questions
connect@theprojectschool.org

I cannot wait to welcome everyone to a great year!
Heather

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