

PRATT

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Learning for Life

Kids rule

Pratt Community School is a K-5 public school located in the historic Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis. Housed in a vibrant community education building, Pratt School exposes students to models of life-long learning. The school's activities are interwoven with the community center and surrounding neighborhood, which in turn support and enrich the school—and all the kids in it.

at Pratt School.



Grades K.1.2.3.4.5.



Pratt School Overview

Pratt School offers:

- All-day kindergarten
- English Language Learner and Special Education programs
- Media, music, art, and physical education in addition to a standard curriculum
- Arts integration
- Before- and after-school care

Our strengths include:

- Parent-involved leadership (to help shape programming)
- Strong academic achievement
- Diverse student body
- Dedication to every child's success
- Small-school atmosphere
- Support for families to pursue their own learning
- Community partnerships

Community is for real at Pratt.

Pratt's small size (currently about 80 students in grades K-5) promotes close ties among students in all grades. Plus, the school's welcoming atmosphere encourages parents to be involved in their children's early learning years. Staff and faculty know all the children and their families.

Outstanding, experienced teachers provide a learning environment that both challenges and encourages students. **The result: consistently high academic achievement.**

The arts are integrated into the basic curriculum. Wide-ranging arts programs are woven into Pratt School's basic curriculum, which consists of language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, visual art, music, and physical education. Favorite arts programs include Taiko drumming through Theater Mu, Children's Theatre Company's *Neighborhood Bridges*, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra's *CONNECT*, Stages Theatre storytelling program, and book arts projects through Minnesota Center for Book Arts.

Pratt is a World Peace Site and has participated in the Peace Prize Festival each year since the school re-opened in 2000.

Partnering with families and the community is key to Pratt's mission. Family and community members celebrate learning at school events such as *Open House*, *I Love to Read Night*, *Family Fun Night*, *Arts and Academic Fair*, *Talent Show*, and the *Peace Prize Festival*.

Our community partners are committed to the school. Pratt Council, Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association, Community Education, and many civic-minded businesses provide financial and educational support to the school and the Parent/Teacher Organization.

The Parent/Teacher Organization supports the school. The PTO hosts the *Talent Show*, *Family Fun Night*, and other events; coordinates fundraising efforts; and volunteers time to the students and teachers.

Pratt has received support from the following grants: Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, Peace Maker Foundation, Minnesota State Arts Board, Exemplary Staff Development, and The National Science Foundation. Pratt students participate in collaborations between artists and teachers sponsored by the Minnesota Arts and Education Partnership, and the Minneapolis Arts for Academic Achievement programs.



"Pratt is a small school. The children receive the help and attention they need. They are taught to treat others with respect. They feel they are part of a community."

—Pratt parent



Pratt School Teaching and Learning



Pratt Belief Statements:

1. We believe every child and family should feel welcome and comfortable in the Pratt School community.
2. We believe that active learning experiences that engage and challenge each student are best for children.
3. We believe there is strength in diversity.
4. We believe the community will enhance Pratt School and Pratt School will enhance the community.
5. We believe that a strong focus on academic achievement unites and provides a foundation and a vision.

A supportive environment. We recognize the importance of an inclusive community and a stimulating, supportive place to learn. Research shows that for children to reach their full social and academic potential, they need what Pratt School offers:

- Close and caring relationships with peers and teachers;
- Opportunities to practice and benefit from the values of their school—kindness, responsibility, fairness, and consideration;
- Rigorous, pertinent curriculum; and
- Close cooperation and communication between families and school staff.

An integrated curriculum. The main focus for all Minneapolis elementary classrooms is language arts and math. At Pratt, we bring those subjects to life by connecting them to the world around us. A weekly class in visual art lays the foundation for classroom art projects that respond to literature and math study. Working with Arts for Academic Achievement, Children's Theatre, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, students at Pratt participate in a rich variety of arts experiences.

Our science units provide Pratt students with motivating, high-interest activities and projects that tie math and language arts to the wonders of living things and the physical world. As students explore and observe insects or growing seeds or the structure of the human body, they read and measure and calculate and graph data and write down what they see, developing tools for learning and communicating about science.



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If you have questions about Pratt Community School or would like to arrange a visit, please contact **Kris Felbeck**, administrative teacher, 612-668-1128 or kris.felbeck@mpls.k12.mn.us

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Pratt Community School Goal

Pratt Community School offers a K-5 school as an integral part of the diverse community in which the students live. The school is uniquely housed in an active community center offering services and education to a diverse population of residents ranging in age from pre-schoolers to senior citizens. Pratt School activities are interwoven with the community center and surrounding neighborhood. Pratt School strives for an environment in which all children and families feel welcome and comfortable, diversity is embraced, and each child engages in individualized and active learning experiences. Pratt School has a strong focus on academic achievement and a commitment to arts and technology integration. Pratt has become a Peace and Human Rights site to nurture responsible and active community members.

