

Elizabeth Krikelis
Humanities Department Chair and Pre-Prime Division Teacher

What Elizabeth Krikelis loves about teaching the Pre-Prime students is that these are the fresh faces of Sage. For most, this is their first real school experience. Elizabeth is amazed at the transformation the students go through during this vital first year. By the end of the school year they are completely different people in every way - physically, emotionally, and socially.

Elizabeth is a true believer of an interactive, hands-on approach to teaching. Bringing real life into classroom lessons is what really makes a connection in the minds of these young students. Using an interdisciplinary style, she integrates all subjects into art, music, circle time, block building, games, and all other daily activities.

In the eleven years she has been at Sage, Elizabeth has truly enjoyed the genuine sense of community not only amongst the students, faculty, and staff, but also amongst the parents. She also likes getting the older Middle School students involved in her classroom through the "Pre-Prime Buddy" program. It is an opportunity for her young students to get to know the "big kids" and at the same time gives the older students a sense of community involvement as they help out in the classroom. The Middle School students read books to the Pre-Prime students and walk them down to the all-school morning meeting each Friday. A poignant moment at the close of each school year is when the Pre-Prime students walk the graduates to their commencement ceremony in what is referred to as "closing the circle."

During her time at Sage, Elizabeth has taught in the Prime and Junior Divisions. In addition to her current role as the Pre-Prime Lead Teacher, she is also the Humanities Department Chair.