



Miss Peterson's Class

2022-2023 Welcome Newsletter!

Welcome to our new school year! I would like to introduce myself. My name is Karen Peterson and I have been teaching at Little School of the West for a little over twenty-one years now. I have an Associate of Arts degree from Cerritos College in Early Childhood Education and I am beginning my thirty-second year of teaching. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, reading (paper books), going for walks, and having coffee with friends. I believe God has called me to teach, and I am blessed and honored to have the opportunity to work with your precious child and family.

In this newsletter, you will find important information that will be useful throughout the school year.

Newsletters: Each week my weekly newsletter will be available on our school website: littleschoolofthewest.com. Please be sure and read the newsletter thoroughly as it will have important information for that week. I will also have a newsletter posted on my parent board, as well as on the outside classroom window.

Unit of Study: Each week we will explore a different subject about the world around us. I try to plan as many activities as possible around the subject or unit of study to help give the students a full understanding of it.

Bible Time: The foundation of Little School of the West is a Bible based curriculum. Jesus said, in the book of Matthew, "Let the little ones come to Me and do not hinder them." We believe in the importance of teaching the children about the people and happenings in the Bible and how those lessons can be applied to our everyday lives of today. A different Bible story will be presented each week, through the use of flannel board figures, music, and sometimes art projects.

Share Time: We have share day every week. Tuesday-Thursday students may bring one item to share on Thursday. Monday-Wednesday-Friday students will share on Friday. Five-day students may share on their assigned day as listed:

Thursday - Beckett, Carle, Nathan, Ava, Audrey, Noel, Lucy, and Madison

Friday - Landen, Yug, Lily, Avery, Katharine, Jacob, Jaxon, and Luke



Special Snack: Special snacks sometimes are scheduled for alternating Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays. These snacks are designed to enhance the unit of study for the week. There will be a sheet posted outside our room for the special snacks. I will also inform you of any special snacks in the weekly newsletter.

Birthdays: Birthdays are very important at Little School of the West. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, please inform the office at least one month in advance. We will celebrate birthdays during our morning snack time only. Please refer to your school handbook for more information. Reminder: no cakes are allowed.

Sticker Cards: Each child has a sticker card for the week. I will place stickers on the children's cards for demonstrating being "students" throughout the morning. Sticker cards will go home on Thursday for T/Th students and on Friday for all other students.

Health Check: Each day your child attends school we will do a visual health check upon arrival, before you (the parent) leaves, to ensure the health and safety of all our students. This is mandated by the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

I am excited for what God has planned for us this school year! I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your children. May God bless you all!

**Love in Christ,
Miss Karen Peterson**