



# Welcome to Miss Nisbet's Class!

## 2023 - 2024 School Year

Hello and welcome to the Prekindergarten 1 class! My name is Bonni Nisbet and this is my eleventh year at Little School of the West. I started working here in 2012 as an aide in Miss Peterson's class. This will be my tenth year teaching and I absolutely love it! I am so thankful that the Lord has blessed me with this opportunity to teach your children here at Little School of the West!

This newsletter will provide you with important information that you will need throughout the year.

**Weekly Newsletters:** Each week my newsletter will be posted on our class window, on our parent board, and on our school website: [littleschoolofthewest.com](http://littleschoolofthewest.com). Please be sure and read them thoroughly as they will have important information for each week.

**Unit of Study:** Every week our class will be exploring a different subject about the world around us. We will be doing several different activities in class, planned around the unit of study, so that your child may gain a better understanding of it.

**Bible Time:** Every week we will learn a different story from the Bible. The foundation of Little School of the West is a Bible based curriculum. Teaching children about people and events in the Bible is essential, so that they will be able to apply what God has taught them to their everyday lives. We will also be learning to memorize Bible verses throughout the year! This is a great opportunity to memorize the Bible verses at home as a family! Each Bible verse will be in the Weekly Newsletter.

**S.P.A. (Self Pronouncing Alphabet):** Children will learn phonics through our S.P.A. program. Each week, children will be introduced to letter of the alphabet. Not only do we teach your child a letter of the alphabet each week, but we also teach your child the sound or sounds. In the case of multiple sounds for one letter (i.e. "A") we take one full week per sound. The students will learn a jingle to help them remember the letter sound. They will also do various activities to help them learn to recognize and form each of the letters, such as coloring letter sheets, forming the letter with collage materials, learning to print the letter on the board or paper, playing letter games, and occasionally watching a phonics video. By the end of the school year, your child hopefully will have grasped, not only the recognition of the letter, but also the letter sound(s).

**Weekly Academics to Practice:** Each week, there will be a color, shape, and 1 or 2 numbers to practice recognizing, printing, and/or drawing. We will go over these in class, alongside with our curriculum. I encourage you to practice these at home with your child!

**Special Snack:** Our class will occasionally have special snacks pertaining to the unit of study to help us extend our learning. I will let you know our special snacks



in our weekly newsletter and I may post sign-up sheets on our outside classroom window.

**Featured Composer:** Each week we will be listening to a famous classical music composer during our art and quiet activity time. We will be listening to the following composers: Beethoven, Strauss, Chopin, and Bach.



**Share Time:** Every week children will have an opportunity to share an item from home that pertains to our unit of study or letter of the week. Please note that this is the **only** day children are allowed to bring toys from home. Tuesday-Thursday students may bring something to share on Thursday. Monday-Wednesday-Friday students will share on Friday. Five-day students may share on either Thursday **or** Friday, but **not** both days. Your child may bring **one** item for share on their designated day, but do not allow them to bring any toys that promote violence. Please label your child's share item with their name before bringing it to school.

**Birthdays:** We love birthdays here at Little School of the West! You will have an opportunity to celebrate your child's birthday during our morning snack time. If you do you wish to celebrate, please sign up by replying to the email that the office will send out the month before your child's birthday. For further instruction, please refer to your school handbook. Reminder: cakes are not allowed.

**Sticker Cards:** Each child has a sticker card for the week. Children will receive stickers throughout the morning when I see them being "students". 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/caregiver) leave. This is to help ensure the health and safety of all our students. This is mandated by the Dept. of Social Services, Community Care Licensing.

My prayer is that my classroom and our school will be a place where you and your child will feel safe, cared for, and loved. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or prayer requests. I can't wait to start what I know will be a wonderful year!

**God Bless,  
Miss Bonni Nisbet**

