



WELCOME TO MRS. PORTENEUVE'S CLASS SUMMER 2023



Welcome to the Preppy Pre-K Class! My name Shelby Porteneuve. This is my second year at Little School of the West and I could not be more excited! I would like to share a little bit about myself with you. I am currently obtaining my Master Teacher Certificate and have 9 years of teaching experience. I have been married for 22 years to my husband Lee and we have 3 amazing children: Luke, Lauren and Jake. I am looking forward to getting to know each of my students and their families. Through a structured theme-based curriculum I will nurture and stimulate your child's growth in areas of physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development. I am honored to have the opportunity to be your child's teacher.

Weekly Newsletter: Our class newsletter will inform you of what we are learning for the week and if there are any special activities planned. You can access the class newsletter on our website: littleschoolofthewest.com and it will also be posted on the window outside the classroom.

Class Time: Our summer session class time is from 8:30am to 12:00 pm. All students must be in class by 9:00 am. It is important that students arrive on time so they do not miss out on morning play activities. Half-day students need to be picked up by 12:00 pm, as this is lunchtime for our full-day students. If you are running late please notify the office.

Unit of Study: Every week we will explore a different subject. I try to plan as many activities as possible around the subject to help give the students a full understanding of the subject.

Special Snack: Twice a month we will be having a special snack pertaining to our unit of study. Sign-ups will be posted on the outside window. Any help is greatly appreciated, but not required.

Bible Story: We have a new Bible Story each week. The foundation of Little School of the West is a Bible based curriculum and learning environment. We believe in the importance of teaching the children about the people and happenings in the Bible. I look forward to teaching your children about the love of Christ.

P.M.D.: We will be doing a variety of activities to promote and develop large and fine motor skills. Other areas of P.M.D. include: balance, flexibility, spatial, and body awareness.

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 our curriculum. I encourage you to support your child's learning by practicing these at home.

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 students will have the opportunity to share an item from home that relates to our unit of study. Share day for T/Th students is on Thursday, and for M/W/F and 5-day students, share day is Friday. This is a great time to build your child's social-emotional development. Please label your child's share item with his/her name and leave it in their cubby. We do not allow any toys that promote violence of any kind.

Sticker Cards: To help build your child's self-esteem, each student will receive a sticker card for the week. Students will receive reward stickers when they display positive behavior during class time. Sticker cards will go home, for T/Th students on Thursday, and for M/W/F and 5-day students on Friday. At Little School of the West we use positive reinforcement to encourage students to make good choices and build confidence.

Birthdays: We love to celebrate birthdays! If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please contact the office the month prior to your child's birthday. Note: Cakes are not allowed. Small cupcakes with minimal frosting or cookies are recommended.

This is going to be a great summer! Thank you so much for allowing me this opportunity to love, teach, and care for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask me or the front office. Thank you.

In His service,

Mrs. Shelby Porteneuve