



Welcome to the Transitional Kindergarten 2023 Summer Session!



I am excited to teach the Summer Session as the **TK Tigers** teacher! My name is Kelly Muesse. I have been teaching at Little School of the West for 8 years and I am a mother of 2 wonderful boys: Samuel, age 15, and Abel, age 13. I can't wait to spend time with all my students this summer! I count it a privilege and a blessing to work with your child and family during this special time at L.S.O.T.W. I would appreciate your prayers for our class.

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



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

Newsletters: Every week there will be a newsletter explaining what we are learning for the week and if there are any special activities. You will be able to access the class newsletter on our website littleschoolofthewest.com and it will also be posted on the outside window. Please read it thoroughly.



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

Bible Time: We will have a new Bible story each week. As a school, we believe in the importance of teaching the children about the historical significance of the Bible and how it can be applied to their lives. There will also be a new Bible verse each week. The student who can say the verse at the end of the week will earn a special award.



Share Time: We have share day every week. The students may bring one item to share on their designated day. Tuesday/Thursday students may bring something to share on Thursday. Monday/Wednesday/Friday and 5-day students will share on Friday. Please label the share item with your child's name

and have them put it in their cubby, where it will stay until the appropriate share time. I like to encourage the students to bring something associated with the unit of study or Bible story to enhance their learning.

Sight Words: This summer, we will review our 45 sight words that we had learned during the school year, by doing the following: We will review 10 words on Monday, 10 words on Tuesday, etc., then 5 words on Friday, so that we will go over all the sight words each week throughout the summer. We will do this by pointing to each sight word, practicing, "say it, spell it, say it". We may sing songs to go along with the sight words, when applicable, as well. Please continue to review these words often and practice with your child at home by pointing them out in books when you read to your child.

Special Snack: Occasionally we will have a special snack. When we do, there may be a sign-up sheet for specific items or to volunteer your time.



Birthdays: We love to celebrate birthdays at school! We will recognize each student on or near their special day. You may bring treats to be served at morning snack time. I prefer cookies, muffins or brownies. Please do not send anything with lots of frosting, as they are messy and difficult to clean up in the classroom. All the students will help to make a birthday book for the birthday child to take home, and he/she will have a special crown to wear for the day. Please inform me, and the office, one month in advance if you would like your child to celebrate their birthday at school.

Sun Block: Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each morning, as sunscreen will not be applied at school. I encourage all students to bring a hat and/or sunglasses to limit sun exposure during outside recess on the playground. Please label clearly with your child's name.



Summer Club: Full day TK students who stay for lunch will not be napping at school in summer. Instead, the students will be part of the afternoon Summer Club, in which we will do fun activities together, such as having "chapter book" story time, working up to a 100-piece puzzle, participating in music & movement, playing Bingo, doing a worksheet or playing an Academic game, and occasionally having Ipad time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and be informed. I look forward to a GRRREAT summer with our TK Tigers! May God bless you as we encourage your children together!

