



Welcome to Mrs. Clements's Class!

2026-2027 School Year

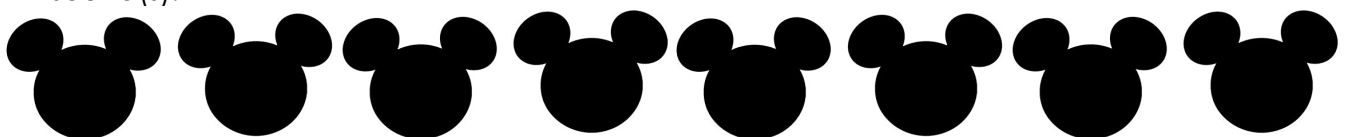
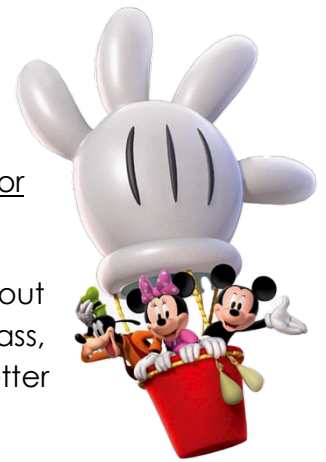
Hello and welcome to the Transitional Kindergarten 1 class! My name is Karen Clements. I have attended West Cypress Church since I was in 2nd grade. I am married to my wonderful husband, Cody, and we have one sweet daughter, Everly. I have my Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Development from Whittier College. I have been working at Little School of the West since 2016. I started as an aide, became a teacher's assistant, subbing in each classroom, then transitioned to a classroom teacher in 2020. I believe God has called me to this profession and I will do my best to have Him guide me as I teach and care for your precious little ones. I am so blessed to be your child's teacher and am excited for what the Lord has planned for this school year! This newsletter contains important information that you will need throughout the year.

Newsletters: A weekly newsletter will be posted on the outside classroom window and on our school website: littleschoolofthewest.com. Please be sure and read them thoroughly as they will provide 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 taught them to their everyday lives. We will also have one "big idea" every week pertaining to the Bible story. The "big idea" will be posted in the newsletter each week, as well as on our Bible board in class. We will also learn a different Bible memory verse every two weeks that we will practice every day.

Abeka Phonics: Children will learn phonics through our Abeka Phonics 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, learning spelling songs, 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: Each week, there will be colors, shapes, and numbers to have fun practicing throughout the school year. We will be incorporating letter recognition, letter sounds, spelling, and beginning reading into the academics throughout our fun learning time.

Special Snack: Our class will occasionally have special snacks pertaining to the unit of study to help us extend our learning. I will post a sign-up sheet a week ahead of time, with a list of items that will be needed for our snack. I would like to thank you in advance for your support in this area, if you choose to participate!

Featured Composer: Each month we will be listening to a different 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 relates to our unit of study. Please note that this is the only day children are allowed to bring toys from home. Tuesday-Thursday students may bring something to share every Thursday. Monday-Wednesday-Friday students may share every 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 toy that promotes violence. Please label your child's share item with his/her 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 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 & Stamps: Each child has a sticker card for the week. Children 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. Students also have a chance to work towards a treasure by earning at least 1 stamp per day, on a card for positive behavior. Once they reach 10 stamps, they may choose an item from our treasure box and will then start a new card. Students may count their stamps during morning free play.

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 Services, Community Care Licensing.



Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or prayer requests. I can't wait to spend time with your little ones and see what the Lord has in store for us this year!

**Love in Christ,
Mrs. Karen Clements**