



Welcome to **Mrs. Bustamante's Class!** 2026-2027 School Year



Hello and welcome to the Preschool 3 class! I am so glad you are here. My name is Roberta Bustamante and I have been at Little School of the West 20 years; I have been a classroom teacher 15 of those years. I am blessed to have the opportunity to have your child in my class. 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. Our morning class time is from 8:30 - 12:00. All half-day students need to be picked up at 12:00. Below you will find important information that describes what we do in our class and is useful to refer to throughout the year. Please save this information.

Weekly Newsletter: Each week there will be a newsletter that will inform you of what we are learning for the week. You can access the school newsletter on our website: <http://littleschoolofthewest.com> and it will be posted on the outside classroom window & on our parent information board above the cubbies in room 102. Please read each newsletter thoroughly.

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: Every week we will learn a different story from the Bible using flannel board figures. The foundation of Little School of the West is a Bible based curriculum. 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. 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.

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.

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 week. The students work hard for their stickers and at the end of the week they will take their sticker cards home. You can encourage your child by asking, "What's that sticker for?"



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.



Special Snacks: 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!

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.



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

Healthy Breakfast: Most importantly, please be sure to feed your child a high-protein breakfast every morning, before school, as this helps the students get ready for a learning environment. If your child is having lunch here and would like to bring their own juice, we accept **100% juice only (label must read)**. If a student has a food item in their lunch that is not allowed at school, a friendly reminder may be sent home. Please refer to the parent handbook regarding nutrition at school.

I am excited about what the Lord has planned for this school year. I look forward to getting to know you and your children and watching them grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Your children are very special to me and I will keep them in my prayers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Let's work together to make this school year full of fun learning and may God bless you always!

**Love in Christ,
Mrs. Bustamante**

