

Welcome to Mrs. Johnson's Class!



2025 - 2026 School Year

Hello and welcome to the Preschool 4 class! My name is Mrs. Johnson and this is my 1st year teaching the Preschool 4 class. I had the privilege of putting all 4 of my children through this amazing program and am now excited to be continuing the legacy with your children! I graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with emphasis on child psychology. Preschool is such a fun age to teach because we get to see the children grow and learn so much throughout the year. I am so blessed to be your child's teacher and am excited for what the Lord has planned for this school year. 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.

<u>Weekly Newsletter</u>: A weekly newsletter will be posted on the outside classroom window and on our website: liitleschoolofthewest.com. <u>Please be sure and read them thoroughly as they will provide important information for each week.</u>

<u>Unit of Study</u>: Each week we will explore 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.

<u>Bible Time</u>: 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. A different lesson from the Bible will be presented each week, through the use of flannel board figures and music and sometimes art projects. We will also learn a new memory verse every two - three weeks that we will practice every day. We also have a "big idea" every week pertaining to the Bible story. The "big idea" will be posted in the newsletter each week, as well as the board in the classroom.

<u>Academics of the Week</u>: Each week there will be a color, shape, number, and letter to learn and practice recognizing, forming, and/or drawing. I encourage you to practice these at home with your child!

<u>Featured Composer</u>: 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.



<u>Share Time</u>: Every week children will have an opportunity to share <u>one</u> item from home that relates to what we are learning at school. Please note that this is the <u>only</u> day children are allowed to bring toys from home. On your child's share day, please have them bring one item that either pertains to one of the academics we are learning about or that goes along with the unit of study. The Tuesday-Thursday students will share on Thursdays, the Monday-Wednesday-Friday students will share on Fridays. The 5-day students may share on Thursday or Friday, but must pick only <u>one day</u> to share each week; they cannot share on both days. Please label all share items with your child's name and do not allow them to bring any items that promote violence.

<u>Special Snacks</u>: 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!

<u>Birthdays</u>: Birthdays are very important to us! If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, please inform the office one month in advance. We will celebrate during our morning snack time only. Please refer to your child's school handbook for more information. Reminder: no cakes are allowed.



<u>Sticker Cards</u>: 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. Sticker cards will go home on Thursdays for the Tuesday-Thursday students and Fridays for all other students.

<u>Health Check</u>: 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.

Please contact me if you have any questions, concern, 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, Lauren Johnson



