



# WELCOME TO MRS. PORTENEUVE'S CLASS



Welcome to the Preppy Pre-K Class! First, I would like to share a little bit about myself with you. I am currently obtaining my Master Teacher Certificate and have 8 years of teaching experience. I have been married for 21 years to Lee and we have 3 amazing children: Luke (20), Lauren (18) and Jake (16). 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 this year.

**Class Time:** Our class time is from 8:30 am to 12:30 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 12:30 pm, as this is lunchtime for our full-day students. If you are running late, please notify the office.

**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](http://littleschoolofthewest.com) and it will also be posted on the window outside the classroom.

**Unit of Study:** Every week we will explore a different subject. We will be doing multiple activities based on the selected unit to help give the students a full understanding of the subject.

**Bible Story:** We learn 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.

**S.P.A. (Self Pronouncing Alphabet) Phonics Program:** Each week the students will be introduced to a new letter of the alphabet. The students will learn a jingle to help them remember the sound of the letter. Not only do we teach your child the 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. By the end of the year, your child hopefully will have grasped not only the recognition of the letters, but also the letter sounds.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 M/W/F and 5-day students 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 school year! Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of your child's educational journey. I am looking forward to having the 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.

In His service,

Mrs. Porteneuve



