



## Welcome to Mrs. Verhoef's Class 2023-2024 School Year



Hello and welcome to the Preppy Pre-K class. My name is Mrs. Verhoef and this is my 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching preschool. I have been married to my husband Rob for almost 22 years and we have three children (ages 20, 18 and 15). Preschool is such a fun age to teach because we get to see the children grow and learn so much throughout the year. This is my first year a L.S.O.T.W. and I am so excited to be part of this team. 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, if there are any special activities planned, or if I need anything. You can access the newsletter on our website: <http://littleschoolofthewest.com> and it will be posted on our parent information board (located above the children's cubbies) in room 103, as well as the outside classroom window. 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: 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 art projects. We will also learn a new memory verse every two weeks that we will practice every day.

S.P.A (Self Pronouncing Alphabet): Children will learn phonics through our S.P.A program. Each week, children will be introduced to a letter of the alphabet. Not only do we teach the letter of the alphabet, but also the sound or the 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 sound. They will also do various activities to learn to recognize and form each of the letters, such as coloring letter sheets and playing letter games.



Share Time: We have share days each week. On your child's share day please have them bring one item that either starts with the letter we are learning or that goes along with the unit of study. The Tuesday-Thursday students will have their share days on Thursdays, the Monday-Wednesday-Friday student will have theirs on Fridays. The 5-day students can choose which day to bring theirs, but can only do it one of the days. **Please label all share items with your child's name and do not allow them to bring any items that promote violence.**

Special Snacks: Special snacks are sometimes are scheduled for alternating Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays. These snacks are designed to enhance the unit of study for the week. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside our room for the special snacks. I will also inform you of any special snacks in the weekly newsletter.

Birthdays: 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.



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. Sticker cards will go home on Thursdays for the Tuesday-Thursday students and Fridays for all other students.

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I am so excited for the upcoming year and to get to know your child better!

Love in Christ,

Kari Verhoef

