



# Mrs. Muesse

2020 - 2021

## Welcome Newsletter



Hello, and welcome to Mrs. Muesse's class, room 103. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year! I would like to personally introduce myself; my name is Kelly Muesse. I have my teaching certificate in Early Childhood Development. I'm a mother of 2 wonderful boys: Samuel, age 13, and Abel, age 10. I can't wait to meet and get to know my students and their families.

Each week there will be a class newsletter that will inform you of what we are learning for the week and if there are any special activities planned or if I may need anything. You can access the class newsletter on our website: <http://littleschoolofthewest.com> and it will be posted on our parent information board (located above the cubbies).

**Unit of Study:** Every week we will explore a different subject. I try to plan as many activities as possible around the subject to help give the students a full understanding of the subject.

**Bible Story:** We have a new Bible Story each week. As a school whose foundation is the Bible, we believe in the importance of teaching the children about the people and happenings in the Bible. We do this through our Bible Story books, Flannel Board Figures, Dramatic Play, Music, and Art.

**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.

**Perceptual Motor Development:** 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.

**Special Snack:** Twice a month we will have a special snack to enhance our learning of the unit of study. The school will be providing these snacks at this time. I will keep you informed of any special snacks in my weekly newsletter.

**Birthdays:** Birthdays are very important to each child. We like to recognize each student on their birthday by giving them a birthday crown. If you would like to bring a special snack for your child's birthday (this is optional), please let the office know at least one month in advance so I can include this in my lesson plan.

**Share Time:** Students will have share time on Thursday or Friday. To make this a learning time, as well as a fun time, your child may bring one item from home relating to the Unit of Study or our Bible Story. Please remember not to allow your children to bring anything that promotes violence. Please label your child's share item with their name.

**Sticker Cards:** To help build your child's self-esteem, I will give each of the students a sticker card. Stickers may be earned in many ways. For example, sitting like a student, being a listener, following the rules, being a helper, knowing the correct answer, etc. The students work hard all week for their stickers. On Thursday or Friday I will send the sticker cards home. This positive reinforcement helps your child to gain confidence, self-discipline and have fun in the process.

**Socialization:** Your child will have the opportunity to build relationships and develop appropriate problem-solving skills. We strive to help build your child's self-esteem and encourage independence.

This is going to be a great year! Thank you so much for allowing me this 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. Thank you.

Love in Christ,  
Mrs. Kelly Muesse