

Hello Preschool Parents,

My name is Beth McDonald and I am so excited to be teaching Preschool! I am so excited to get to know your students and help them develop their love for learning.

A bit about me: I was born and raised in Provo though I spent many of my summers on my grandparents farm in Montana. I love all things theater and run a small theater company when I'm not at school. I believe that children naturally love to learn and will blossom when given the chance. I have a curiosity led classroom where kids are able to dive into what interests them.

While our classroom will not have assigned homework I hope that you and your child will spend at least 15 minutes reading together every day. Along with that, having open discussions with your child about what they are learning in school does wonders for their creativity and growth. They may be small but they can understand things much better than they are often given credit for.

This year we will be studying 8 units; balls, boxes, clothing, music, trees, pets, wheels, and art. During these units we will be covering everything from the ancient Greek olympics to Georgia O'keefe. The point of these units is not to get your students to be able to recite exact facts or ace a test, but to get them thinking, excited to learn and grow as they continue their education journey.

To help them move more independently through this school year there are a couple things that I suggest to help your student gain some independence:

- Velcro or slip on shoes so they can put them on themselves
- Labeled coats, jackets, water bottles, and lunch boxes so they can practice name recognition (and so they don't get mixed up with the others in our classroom)
- A healthy breakfast and lunch so they can be ready to learn all day

I am so excited to go on this journey with your students. As we work together as co teachers I believe that every child in this classroom can and will succeed. Thank you for everything you do

Sincerely,
Beth McDonald