

Hello Nursery School Parents!

My name is Katherine Moulton and I am so excited to welcome your child to my class this year! I can't wait to get to know your students and help them develop their social skills and start to build a lifelong love for learning.

A bit about me: I was born and raised in Provo and am the oldest in our family— my younger sister, Beth, is the Preschool teacher here at Arches! Outside of the classroom I'm an actress and spend a lot of time doing Shakespeare plays as well as character performance (think princesses and superheroes for birthday parties) and historical reenactment. I have previously taught at the highschool level and am very excited to explore the world with your little ones. I have always loved books and language and attribute a lot of that to my parents reading to me so much when I was young.

On that note, I encourage you to read to your child often! We don't have any homework in Nursery, but study after study has shown that one of the best things you can do to help your child become a lifelong learner and succeed through school and beyond is to read to them! I have enormous faith in the power of stories and reading. Your little ones are expanding their world every day. They can learn (and teach!) more than many give them credit for. Give them chances to tell you about what we do at school and share their excitement with you!

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 and 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,  
Katherine Moulton

