



Parents,

Welcome to preschool! I am very excited to get the school year under way. It has been a wonderful summer, but I miss the students and their families. For those of you who will be new this year, I would like to take this opportunity to share a little about myself as we get to know each other. My name is Mrs. Nelson and I live in Elk River with my husband Michael. We have three children Chad, Brent and Adam. I have a B.A. in education and many years of experience working with young children in many different educational settings. I love the game of baseball and enjoy watching the Minnesota Twins. (It is a goal of mine to eventually visit every major league ball park!)

Here are just a few things you will want to make note of:

- In the month of September, the preschoolers will be getting acquainted with each other and school routines through games, songs, stories, art and other activities. Themes this month include: Our Classroom Friends, All About Me, and My Family. We will also have the first "Children Around the World Day" when we learn about Mexico on September 23. Beginning this month and through the year the children will be introduced to beginning Spanish including greetings and words for shapes, numbers and colors.
- Each month a calendar and letter will be sent home with your child. Please read the letter and refer to your calendar for important classroom information and highlights for each day. This will help your preschooler be prepared and excited about coming to preschool.
- Each week you will receive the "Nelson News." This is my way of communicating to you what your child did at preschool during the week.
- At the end of every month we will have Show and Tell. Preschoolers are invited to bring an item or picture to show to the class that relates to the letter we are learning about. Our first Show and Tell experience will be on September 28. Please have your child bring a photograph of their family to go with our theme, "My Family."
- On Mondays we will feature a student on our "All About Me" wall. A schedule of your child's turn will be available the first week of school along with directions of how to make this the best positive experience for your child.
- We will also be celebrating your child's birthday during the school year. You should have already designated a date for us to celebrate, but we will post a calendar at school to allow you to check/confirm the date you chose.
- The preschool provides a snack for each class. We consider this an important part of their learning experience. During snack time, they will learn about healthy foods, experience some new foods, and practice pouring, passing, sharing and using good manners.

I am very excited to have your child at preschool and am looking forward to a wonderful year together. I will close with this simple prayer you may want to pray for your child(ren) as they begin a new school year.

"I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen"

God bless you,

Mrs. Karla Nelson

