



WELCOME TO Junior KINDERGARTEN

At Chinook Winds Adventist Academy



Dear Junior Kindergarten Parents,

I wish to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am the Jr. Kindergarten teacher at Chinook Winds Adventist Academy and teaching is a wonderful job! My parents say I began my career when I taught my little brother how to read. I have been working with children ever since with baby-sitting, day camps, city camps, summer camps, children's Sabbath Schools classes, VBS Programs, Pathfinders, and Adventurer programs. Teaching children is my passion and telling them about how much Jesus loves them is my greatest joy.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED... I have been a classroom teacher for twenty years. My specialties are music and curriculum & instruction. I have taught in B.C., SK., and AB., and I have taught multi-grade K-8 classrooms, high school (Biology & Chemistry), and most recently Grade 4 and Junior Kindergarten at Chinook Winds. I love spending time with my three beautiful girls, Mischa (12), Brooke (7), and Kendra (5) and my husband Paul. Some of my favorite things to do are hiking, canoeing, traveling, playing games, reading, and playing music.

Jr. KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM.... CREATION Kids is a Christian, Bible-based, all-inclusive program. CREATION stands for choice, rest, environment, activity, trust, interpersonal relationships, outlook, and nutrition. In the Jr. Kindergarten classroom, learning will be sensory-based and interactive, engaging and hands-on learning. We will have different class centers to stimulate learning: an art area, a science area, a reading area, a sensory tables a block area and abundant puzzles. We will use tools and toys such as sand, dirt, paint, shaving cream, bubbles, glitter, flubber, bubble wrap, oobleck, play dough, pasta noodles, etc! (After all, messy fun facilitates learning in the four five-year-old mind!) Each learning center will engage different parts of the child's whole person and will develop specific abilities. For instance, when the children are working with play dough, they will be strengthening the muscles in their hands, which will enable them to hold a pencil and write with great skill. And when the children engage in finger painting activities, this will also increase their fine motor coordination, also foundational to pre-writing skills. Or when the children explore oobleck, they will be learning how to be young scientists and learn about the difference between solids and liquids! Ultimately, we will use learning activities that engage the creative brain that God has given each child.

DOING OUR BEST... I believe that it is my responsibility to provide each and every student with an educational experience that is enriching and rewarding. My goal is to encourage the students to strive to achieve their own personal best during this very important introduction year to school. Each day we will focus on making good choices and resolving conflict in positive ways.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL... Communication between a teacher and parents or guardians is vital for a child's success and happiness in the classroom. We will work together to ensure your child is happy, challenged, comfortable, and secure at school. Parents are asked to be involved on a daily basis having fun...reading books daily, playing word games, reviewing letters/sounds, and numbers, etc. I will send out newsletters for each unit to keep you informed about everything that we are working on in school.

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR CLASSROOM... It's such a special moment when a child shares their parent with the rest of the class! And so at the beginning of the year I will send out a sign-up sheet for parents to share the ways in which they would like to volunteer within the class. Volunteer opportunities could include accompanying us on a field trip, joining the class for 30 minutes or even an hour, to read a story, help with a craft activity, share a gift or talent (eg. playing a musical instrument, sharing a mission trip with artifacts/photos, a trade or craft that is visual or kinesthetic), share about your job or career, bring your pet dog to class, or set up a bulletin board or photocopy!

I am excited and looking forward to a growing partnership with you as we nurture, educate, have lots of fun with and make lasting memories as we build relationships with your dear children.

God's blessings on you,
Cindy Mayo

