# Western Oklahoma Christian School Elk City Campus

# Mrs. David's Pre-K Class Parent Handbook

Dear Parents,

I am excited to be starting this year with you and your student! In the following pages you will find important information to help you and your student prepare for a wonderful year in Pre-K here at Western Oklahoma Christian School. Please look through this information carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to visit with me or call me on my cell phone (580-819-0440). You are also welcome to visit our classroom anytime!

Mrs. David

# Our Class

Nate Bryant
Karch Carlson
Addyson Dungan
Brooke Frost
Sam Garrison
Malachi Helton
Katherine Ivester
Austin Meador
Luci O'Hara
Jake Shinault
Bennett Smith
Sierra Smith
Alexis Thomas
Zack Zybach

### Weekly Schedule

After chapel each morning, we will be in our classroom other than for recess, lunch, and restroom breaks. Monday and Wednesday afternoons we will have P.E., and Tuesday and Thursday mornings we will have Music and Spanish.

# **Tuesday Folders**

Every Tuesday your student will come home with a blue folder. This folder contains important information that should be looked over carefully. You will also need to sign the folder and return it every Wednesday. Any lunch slips and lunch money will need to be placed in the ziplock bag behind the front sheet of the Tuesday folder (not inside the folder).

#### Show-and-Tell

We will have Show-and-Tell every other Friday beginning August 24<sup>th</sup>. Each student will be allowed to bring one item to share with the class. School policy states that students are not allowed to bring toys to school, and Show-and-Tell is our only exception. Other than the time set aside for Show-and-Tell, the item brought will need to remain inside your student's backpack.

## **Classroom Parties**

This year we have three scheduled classroom parties. A letter will be sent home for parents to sign up to help with these parties. All parents are invited to attend each party. Please keep in mind that we do not celebrate secular holidays, so no Halloween, no Santa Claus, no Easter bunnies, and no cupids for Valentine's Day.

Christmas Party—Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> God's Love Party—Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Resurrection Party—Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Classroom Discipline Plan

A healthy classroom and learning environment for your child involves age-appropriate rules and consequences. The classroom motto is, "The happy way is to obey." Students will be expected to demonstrate the following positive behaviors in class each day.

- \*Kindness always
- \*Soft voices
- \*Raise your hand
- \*Listening ears
- \*Obedient hearts

Please see our Behavior Plan in the first Tuesday folder and sign with your child.

I want to work with your child as much as possible and will give grace daily. For the purposes of order in the classroom, however, students who are displaying disruptive behaviors will be given appropriate consequences. This includes breaking the regular classroom rules or any other behavior that is harmful and repeatedly disruptive to other students. Possible consequences include:

# \*verbal warnings

\*time out (may include time out in the classroom, a thinking time in the hall, or time out from recess or centers play)

# Field Trips and Nursing Home Visits

We will have four field trips throughout the year. The dates and locations are to be announced. As these field trips approach, I will be sending you information in the Tuesday folders.

Our class will also make monthly visits to a local nursing home starting in September. While there, the students will minister to the residents of this nursing home through music and fellowship.

Parent volunteers are always needed and welcomed on these trips. Parents who are willing to drive a few students for these occasions will be greatly appreciated. As the dates for these trips get closer, requests for drivers and volunteers will be included in your child's weekly note.

#### **Snack Policy**

Please bring three boxes of non-perishable snacks to be kept in our classroom. When purchasing these snacks please keep in mind that the goal is to serve healthy snacks most of the time, such as pretzels, crackers, popcorn, cereal, etc. Snacks such as cakes, cookies, and sweets will be reserved for special days and parties. We will be having both morning and afternoon snacks. Whenever supplies run low, a note will be sent home to notify parents.

For special occasions (such as birthdays), you are welcome to bring a special snack for that day. When these occasions arise, please let me know so I can plan accordingly.

# DUE TO PEANUT ALLERGIES, PLEASE NO UNPROCESSED PEANUT SNACKS!!!!! (trail mixes, etc.)

#### Attendance/Homework

Homework will only be assigned after I have repeatedly encouraged and worked with your child to complete an assignment in the time frame permitted. In these situations, I ask that you work with your child in the evening to complete this work and return it in your child's backpack the following day.

<sup>\*</sup>note home to parents

<sup>\*</sup>individual conferences with the teacher and/or Mrs. Quiring

According to school policy, "students who are absent in excess of 10 days in one semester, or 20 days in 2 semesters may be required to repeat that grade." It is important for your student to be here as much as possible so he/she does not fall behind. However, if you know that your student will miss one or more days of school, you are always welcome to let me know and 1 can send the work home with you.

If your child is going to be absent for the day, please notify the school at (580) 821-7096 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. If it is a day that we order lunch and you have ordered lunch for your child, please let us know so that we can pull that lunch slip.

#### About Mrs. David

1 grew up in southwest Oklahoma in Mtn. View. 1 attended Oklahoma Baptist University and then Washington University in St. Louis, MO. 1 have a wonderful husband, Michael, who is the Children's Pastor at First Baptist Church here in Elk City. We have been married for 19 years and have 4 incredible children – Caedon (14), Payton (12), Greyson (10), and Maliah (5). We moved to Elk City from Weatherford this past summer.

Our daughter, Maliah, attended WOCS for the first time 2 years ago, and through that experience we fell in love with WOCS. I feel that teaching at WOCS is the direction God has led me in this season in my life. I taught Pre-K at the Weatherford campus last year, so this is my second year to teach Pre-K. I am extremely excited about the year! I am passionate about the Lord and ministering to others. I promise to love your child and give my best in teaching each and every day. Thank you for the opportunity to invest in your child!