



Preschool Director's Letter

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School year! As Preschool Director I look forward to learning and growing with each of you. At Hope School we emphasize the importance of love, kindness and empathy. My number one goal is to support each of you. We are one big family!

One more piece of our Hope community is the importance of “vulnerability.” Raising children and trying to find a balance between work and family is hard. It is ok to be vulnerable and ask for help, talk, or cry. We are in this journey together to raise up your children to become successful learners. Please know that I am available to talk with you. If you need help or advice I will research for/with you.

Our preschool staff is at your service! Mairi Seraile is our 4's Teacher. She has worked for Hope as the Director of our Extended Care Program for several years. She has 3 girls of her own and works hard to provide a fun environment for learning. Kids are drawn to Mairi's bubbly personality, inspiring play/learning environments, and her exciting circle times!

Ruth Gardner is the 4's aid. She has 2 daughters and has spent many years working with kids through church programs and girl scouts. Ruth loves art and provides creative settings to promote imagination and exploration. She gets right down on the floor with the kids and engages in their learning.

Michele Olson is the 3's aid and she has 2 grown daughters and a son that recently graduated from Seattle Lutheran High School. Michele is resourceful! She has a wonderful way of “setting the stage” with unique objects for the kids to explore and fosters amazing art projects, that are student lead. And she just traveled to Africa over the summer. Be sure to ask her about it!

And, I teach the 3's. Or should I say, I learn from your 3 year olds. Each day I am thankful that God has placed me in a position to be with children. They are so honest and open. They remind me to be silly, to laugh, and to truly own my emotions. I have 3 children and they are everything to me. So, I take this into consideration each day you drop off your child to us. Your child and your family is valued and loved!

So, let's create this new beginning together. Let's step out of our comfort zone and meet new people, try new things. Let's STRETCH, GROW, and LEARN!

Blessings,
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