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Hello! Greetings to all! My name is Mairi Seraile, and I am the lead teacher for the Orca Pre-K classes. I am honored and looking forward to partnering with you in the growth and education of your child this year. I have worked for 13 years at Hope Lutheran School. Nine years as Director of our Extended School Care programs and this is my 4th year serving as the Pre-K Orca lead teacher. Furthermore, I have been a part of the Hope Lutheran Church and School family since 1984 having been a student myself from Preschool- 8th grade. I have two daughters who are current students here at Hope. My oldest daughter graduated from Hope and attends Seattle Lutheran High School.

I cannot express the joy that fills my heart in God’s calling on my life. Teaching children about God’s love for them while watching them blossom into a new stage of life is so very fulfilling to me. Guiding my students and watching them thrive while connecting our core curriculum into each day of our academic year will be a lifelong blessing to both your child and me☺.



The assistant for our classroom is Mrs. Ruth Gardner. I love working with Ruth each year. She is energetic and has a great love for children and God. Ruth’s two daughters were also students at Hope, and now attend Seattle Lutheran. Together we hope to provide a nurturing, caring, safe, and fun environment where your child can freely explore our world, express their creativity, be excited about learning, and grow in their faith.

This year our classroom will be a full day preschool program. We offer a fun play-based curriculum, with many fun themes, along with a music specialist. Our first focus will be getting to know the new routine, classroom, and each other! Our theme this year: “The joy of the Lord is our strength.”

With that in mind I am sending along a cut out of a flower for you and your child to decorate with a family photo (paper photocopy is fine). Your child’s name goes on the back. These will be used in the classroom for your child to see when they are missing you. You may bring these at orientation night or on the first day of school.

Listed below are a few things that will help our first days go smoothly:

*WELCOME BACK NIGHT AND PRESCHOOL ORIENTATION: Tuesday, August28th*

4:30-5:30 Pre-K class orientation in the preschool classroom

5:30-7:30 Family BBQ

On Hope’s website, you will find important information about our upcoming year, as well as forms I need by the first day of school. To access this information, go to **hls.hopeseattle.org, click on Classrooms, and then click on Preschool 4s**.

Below is a list of the information you will find on the website:

* Proposed Topics
* Daily Schedule
* Getting Started
* Our Day
* This and That
* Parent-Teacher Communication
* Behavior Guidelines
* Oh, I’d Like to Get to Know You (Please print and fill out)
* Drop-Off and Pick-Up (Please fill out online and submit form)
* Parent Involvement (Please fill out online and submit form)
* Supply List

I think this will give us a great start to help you prepare your child and to have some questions answered ahead of time. At orientation, on August 28, I will answer questions as well as give you more detailed information about our themes and activities for the year. If you cannot attendI will also be working in the classroom on Aug. 29th from 11:00-1:00. Feel free to stop by with your child to take a look at the classroom. It is helpful for the children to have seen the classroom and me before the first day of school.

*FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-K: Tuesday, September 4th*

And away we go! Doors open at 8:15

*FORMS AND COMMUNICATIONS:*

Be sure to check out the school website, [hls.hopeseattle.org](http://www.hopeseattle.org) to find all school happenings. The forms (milk order, permission/medical, emergency, etc.) which will be due to the school office are also here for you to download. This is also where I will be posting my newsletters with detailed happenings in the preschool class! Go to Classrooms and then to Preschool 4s.

Please return forms before or on the first day of class. Our office manager, Mrs. Shari Wallace, will see that I get them. Thanks for your help! Supplies may be brought on the first days of school or to orientation night.

I look forward to meeting each of you and getting to know your children! We have a lot of great things planned for the year! Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns that you may have. Have a great rest of the summer!!!!

God’s richest blessings,

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