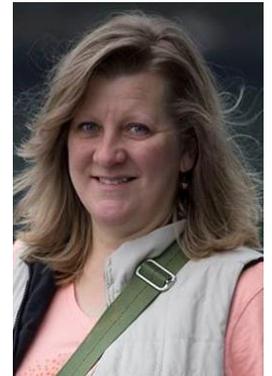


~ Welcome Letter ~

Hope Preschool 3's Sea Stars

Hi Sea Star families, and welcome! I am Christina Figgins, the 3's teacher. This is my 8th year teaching at Hope. I am also the Preschool Director, and Extended Care Director. My background and life has been all about children. I have often found that some of my best friends are children. I appreciate their honesty and zest for life. I guess I'm kind of a kid at heart.



I have a bachelor's degree in Psychology, with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education. I worked at a learning center in the Greenlake area for 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, nannied for 10 years, and have been raising my own children as well.

I live in West Seattle with my husband, son, and golden retriever. I also have two grown daughters. Some of my favorite things to do are: escape to Disneyland with my family, garden, and take walks with my dog. I have also been a life-long member of Hope Church, and attended Hope School myself.

So, this is a little about me. Can't wait to learn more about you!



Hello. My name is Carol Christian. I am so excited to be back working as the preschool 3 aid this year as well as the preschool ESC aid. This will be my sixth year working in the preschool program here at Hope. I started working with Christina Figgins 8 years ago as the preschool aid. I left for a couple years and returned two years ago as the ESC/Sand Dollar club aid.

I have lived in West Seattle for 52 years and became a member of Hope when I married my husband Rob 25 years ago. I am the mother of a 19 year daughter who is currently attending the University of

Utah in Salt Lake City.

I am looking forward to working full time with all of the amazing Hope preschool families and staff.



To kick things off, our first theme will be "getting to know you". This will be a fun way to get to learn about each other. You will find a "flower" shape in this mailing, please attach a picture of your family to it (a photocopy is fine). You and your child can decorate it however you like. Have fun with it. I look forward to seeing all your creative styles! We will display these on a bulletin board. Family photos in the room are a great touchstone for the children to connect with and share with their friends. You can drop these off on Orientation Night or during the first week of school.

Now for some important info to help you ease into the new school year:

***Welcome Back Night and Preschool Orientation: Tues, August 28th**

- **4:30-5:30 Preschool Orientation** (in the classroom). This is a time to visit the classroom, ask questions, drop off school supplies, etc.
- **5:00-7:00 Family Barbeque** (lower parking lot) Bring your favorite side dish in a disposable container.

***Drop-in day before school starts: Fri, Aug 31st 11:30-1:30.**

I'll be working in the classroom, and if you are not able to attend the "Welcome Back Family Night/Orientation/Barbeque", and would like to meet in advance, you can pop in and say hello. Email me if you want to come by a different time.

***First day of school for Preschool 3's: Tuesday, Sept 4th (Mon-Tues class), and Wed, Sept. 5th (Wed-Fri class) Doors open at 8:15. Pick-up is at 11:15.**

***Forms and Communications:**

Be sure to check the school website, hls.hopeseattle.org to keep up with all school news. 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 you can find orientation materials and my newsletters about the happenings in the preschool classes. Go to "classrooms" then to "Preschool 3's". I will also be emailing the newsletters to you.

Please go to the website and fill out the necessary forms any time before the first day of class. Thanks! Supplies may be brought in on the first days of school or to orientation night.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we'll see you all soon.

Many Blessings!

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