

Dear Families,

Hello! My name is Nicole Schmitz, and I will be your child's preschool teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. I am very excited to start this year off with you and your child and would like to take this time to tell you a little about myself and the school year.



I grew up in Gilbertville, Iowa, just west of Independence, where I graduated from Don Bosco High School in 2010. I attended college at the University of Northern Iowa where I graduated with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education along with a minor in family studies and a special education endorsement in December 2014. This will be my ninth year teaching the four-year-old classroom and first year teaching the three-year-old classroom at Wee Care Preschool!

I believe in creating a classroom where the students feel comfortable and want to be here every day. I understand that for many, this transition may be difficult, especially if this is their first year in a preschool setting. To help, I want to create a positive relationship with not only the students, but also with you as the family. When both teacher and family work together, the child sees the new situation as exciting and will be more willing to have fun and learn even more. To help develop this communication, there are some upcoming dates that I would like you to be aware of.

August 21-25: Home Visits

- I will be contacting you in the middle of August via email to set up a time to meet you and your child before the school year begins. This will last approximately 30 minutes. During this time, we will be getting to know one another, completing paperwork, and answering any questions that you may have. All forms will be available during this time and any completed paperwork will be collected.

Sunday, August 27: Open House from 1-3 PM (PK4 classroom) and 3-5 PM (PK3 classroom)

- Families are invited to explore the classroom with their child before school starts! This will last approximately 20 minutes.

Monday, August 28: First day of school!

- All paperwork must be returned before the child can start. A paperwork checklist is attached to the email.

Olivia Wolf, our classroom associate and director, and I are looking forward to meeting you and your child and making this the best experience for your child as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Nicole Schmitz

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