Pre Kindergarder (PK) 3 years- 4 Years



MS. DONNA



MS CLAUDIA

LEAD TEACHER: DONNA SMITH

DONNA STARTED AT CASHIERS VALLEY PRESCHOOL WHEN IT OPENED IN 2007 AND IN 2014 BECAME THE LEAD TEACHER OF THE PK CLASSROOM. PRIOR TO COMING TO CVP DONNA ORIGINALLY OWNED A HOME DAYCARE FOR EIGHT YEARS. AFTER HER HOME DAY CARE, DONNA BECAME A KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT AT A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. SHE THEN MOVED TO SUMMIT CHARTER SCHOOL WHERE SHE SERVED AS THE FIRST GRADE ASSISTANT FOR NINE YEARS. SHE HAS HER EARLY CHILDHOOD CREDENTIAL THAT SHE RECEIVED IN 2008. DONNA IS A MOTHER OF TWO, WITH GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN. SHE LOVES TO READ AND SEW IN HER FREE TIME. HER FAVORITE PART OF WORKING AT CVP IS TEACHING THE CHILDREN AND WATCHING THEM GROW. HER FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK IS GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE BY GILES ANDREAE.

ASSISTANT TEACHER: CLAUDIA THOMPSON

CLAUDIA JOINED CVP'S STAFF IN 2023 AS THE PRE-KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT BEFORE MOVING TO TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN. SHE FIRST STARTED WORKING IN CHILDCARE IN HER EARLY 20'S, WORKING AT DIFFERENT PRESCHOOLS FOR TEN YEARS BEFORE TAKING A BREAK. SHE RETURNED TO THE FIELD AFTER JOINING A CHURCH NURSERY. CLAUDIA EARNED HER CDA FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1997 AND WENT ON TO EARN IT TWO MORE TIMES. HER FAVORITE PART OF HER JOB IS DOING ARTWORK WITH THE KIDS AND WATCHING THEM GROW. HER FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK IS ALISTAIR'S ELEPHANT BY MARILYN SADLER.

CURRICULUM

OUR CENTERS INCLUDE DRAMATIC PLAY, BLOCKS, SCIENCE AND SENSORY, MATH AND MANIPULATIVES, LIBRARY, ART, MUSIC, WRITING, AND CALM DOWN. WHILE CENTERS LIKE DRAMATIC PLAY AND BLOCKS ARE HIGH TRAFFIC AND ENCOURAGE PLAY WITH FRIENDS, CENTERS LIKE LIBRARY, ART AND CALM DOWN ARE QUIETER, MORE INDEPENDENT AREAS. EACH CENTER IS DESIGNED TO HELP REACH MILESTONES IN DIFFERENT LEARNING DOMAINS. CHILDREN WILL HAVE A COLOR, SHAPE, AND THREE NUMBERS OF THE MONTH IN ADDITION TO THE MONTHLY UNITS. EVERYDAY WE DO A 10 MINUTE GROUP CIRCLE TIME WHERE WE GO OVER THE CALENDAR, TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER OUTSIDE, SING A GOOD MORNING SONG, AND TALK ABOUT THE DAY'S TOPIC. WE USE THE STATE APPROVED FUNNYDAFFER CURRICULUM FOR OUR MONTHLY UNITS. FUNNYDAFFER IS A PLAY-BASED CURRICULUM THAT ENCOURAGES LEARNING WITHIN THE PLAY CENTERS AND OUTSIDE.

SCHEDULE

8:15 — Arrive at School, Free play in centers

9:00 — Drop-off deadline, Diapers, Free play in centers

9:45 — Morning Snack, Storytime

10:00 — Outside play/Gross-motor activities

11:00 — Music Time, Diapers

11:15 — Circle Time

11:20 — Crafts, Free Play in centers

12:00 — Lunch

12:30 — Transition to nap, Diapers

12:45 — Nap

2:45 — Wake-up, Diapers

3:00 — "Half-Day" Student Pick-up, Outside/Gross-motor play

4:00 — Afternoon Snack

4:15 — Outdoor play/Free play in Centers, Diapers

5:00 — "Full-Day" Student pick-up

5:15 — Pick-up Deadline