



## **Welcome to the 4 and 5 year old room**

My name is Ms. Michelle. I have been in the childcare field since 1991. I am married and have 2 grown sons and a granddaughter. I enjoy painting, corn hole, and playing online games.

The children this age are eager to learn, absorb information like sponges, and some even attend the 4K program at Willow Springs Learning Center here in Sussex. We do calendar daily as well as music. We work on learning to identify letters and numbers, using our fine motor skills by tracing things, using scissors, and lacing objects. Math skills are learned by sorting and counting objects or even by some of the games we play. The children love learning new songs and I often hear them singing them amongst themselves! I also incorporate music and learning with age appropriate and educational videos.

We usually begin our day by doing 'group'. This consists of calendar, weather reporting, ABC's, 123's, birthdate, and spelling our names. We go on to discuss the theme of the week and days events. We finish off group by doing story and finger plays. We then go on to the art project of the day while some children do their math or fine motor activities.

We do try to get outside daily weather permitting. I also ask that an extra set of weather appropriate clothes be brought in in case of accidents or something spilling on your child during snack or lunch. It's always nice to have a clean, dry set of clothing to change into! During the warmer weather I ask you to bring a swimsuit, beach towel, and water bottles.

I encourage children to use their manners, show respect for one another, and use appropriate words. I uphold an anti-bullying stance and try to have children work out problems on their own with supervision. We try to come up with ideas as to how to avoid these conflicts in the future. It is amazing how well with a little help the children can 'fix' things amongst themselves. I look forward to spending time with your child and learning what makes them tick!

I am with the school age children in the summer and off days of school.