

## All I really need to know, I learned in Kindergarten!

When I was in high school, I remember one Christmas, I saw this t-shirt that I just had to have.

(No, not the "Chad is rad" shirt I had. A different, much cooler one. Neither were cool. I know that now! My "Chad is Rad" shirt was blue with a white outline of the country Chad. I thought it was SUPER funny because I was dating Chad. Man, he was so lucky to have been dating me. I was SOOOO cool.) Anyways, this shirt said the following:



## All I Really need to know I Learned in kindergarten

- Share everything
- Play fair
- Don't hit people
- Put things back where you found them
- Clean up our own mess

Don't

things that aren't yours Say you're SORRY when you **HURT** someone Wash your hands before you eat • Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you Live а balanced lifelearn some and drink some and draw some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some Take а nap

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afternoon When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the seed in the styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters

and

white mice and even the little seed in the styrofoam cup they all die. And SO do we. And then remember the Dickand-Jane books and the first word you learned the biggest word of all "LOOK."

Why would a teenager want that shirt? Why would she ask her aunt Shell for this shirt for Christmas? (Back in the day when we drew names.)

Well, I think it was because Kindergarten was always in my heart. God placed it there many years ago. That has to be the only reason, because that shirt was never actually trending at the high school amongst my friends, believe it or not!

Last year, I distinctly remember leaving Conestoga Elementary for the last time as a teacher there. It would have been 14 years I taught (grew up) there. I had decided I was done teaching. However, in the back of my mind, as I rounded the corner to the

front doors, I passed the two Kindergarten classrooms. I thought to myself, "If I ever came back to teaching, it would be to teach Kindergarten."

Many of you already know, so I will spare you the details, but I was in fact NOT done with teaching. I felt quite lost without it. Felt empty really. After online learning kicked off and Eischeid Academy was in full swing, I was reminded of just how much I MISSED teaching. The creating, reading out loud, teaching and... kids! I wasn't done being an elementary teacher.

Fast forward to this year, I switched schools and I have taught 3rd grade writing and science. (Side note, I applied and interviewed for two kindergarten jobs and didn't get them.) I was reaching the end of summer, therefore I was going to try once more. After hearing "No." It was then I also realized it was ok if it wasn't kinder, as long as I could just teach! I would take anything. Then I found out that there was a 3rd grade WRITING/Science teacher! Honestly, a dream job because writing is my favorite thing to teach and science? Kids. Love. It! Therefore, I love teaching it.

You know how they say God has a plan? God has perfect timing? It's not just a saying, it's a promise. "When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen." - Isaiah 60:22

Hi, I'm Mrs. Eischeid and I will be a kindergarten teacher next year! At Prairie Wind Elementary. Because His timing is perfect! I was meant to be at Prairie Wind. There just wasn't a Kindergarten position open at that time. However, God knew exactly what He was doing. He planted the desire in my heart. I just trusted in His perfect timing of when I would get the chance to live that desire out! Looking back on this year though, I was just a couple months in when I realized, He sent me the perfect people at Prairie Wind. He placed me in the perfect classroom. The perfect hallway. With the perfect people. I would not have built the friendships I have today if I were anywhere else in that building.

He has blessed me with the energy to survive the little ones. I love to sing, dance, play. I LOVE reading and writing. Ummmm this is where they start!!! How beautiful. I love stickers and happy chappies. If you know, you know. I love the little things...the little people too!

Maybe I'm crazy... Maybe It's Kindergarten,

Mrs. Eischeid

## Love, Ashley Eischeid

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