



# CITY KIDS SCHOOL

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Meet the Teachers  
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# Sheryl Nelson

Director

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Welcome to City Kids School (CKS). Our school has been excelling in educating preschool age children since 1998; and since 2008, we have offered the same excellent education to students in kindergarten.

CKS considers the early years the most important period of development in a child's life. A child's work is their play, and therefore children learn best when they engage in activities that encourage choicemaking, exploration and discovery, hands-on experiences, and authentic learning opportunities. Within our educational structure is the framework to come alongside parents in their efforts to raise children of strong character who will become world-changing young people.

We invite you to join our school community; join us in a journey of excellence and virtue.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please contact me by phone or e-mail. I look forward to meeting you!



# Kristy Lara

2's Lead Teacher

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It is such a privilege to introduce children into the school environment—that's my job! I have an earned CDA (Child Development Associates) and love to keep learning. I have a sense of humor, love to guide children to new discoveries, am teachable, enjoy interacting with parents, and love God with all my heart.

My classroom is colorful, fun, and safe for the inquisitive 2-year-olds. We have age-appropriate activities that invite a child to play and learn through hands-on activities.

One of the most exciting things in my classroom is watching children learn through play. It is not hard—it's natural. I love to put a new activity out and watch as the children discover it, test it out, play with it, and get ahold of the "concept" without even trying.

My favorite verse is Phil. 4:6-7. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."



# Kerri Patterson

## 3's Lead Teacher

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I love teaching the 3's at City Kids School and count it a privilege to be a part of the teaching team.

I am a graduate of Seattle Pacific University with an earned BA degree in Home Economics and a Secondary Education Teaching Certificate. I have an elementary certificate from Association of Christian Schools and Slingerland Training, which is a multi-sensory approach to learning.

As you enter my classroom, you will notice I teach with a variety of learning styles, and my goal for each day is to foster a "joy" for learning that will benefit children in their developing years of school. Letters and numbers come alive with songs, dance, repetition, cheers, and creative activities!

I believe children's early years play a significant role in the development of their self-image, outlook toward school, and eagerness to learn.

A favorite verse is Psalm 1:4. "And he shall be like a tree planted by the river that brings forth good fruit." My goal is to plant seeds and help cultivate the soil of each child's heart so they can grow in God!



# Debby Toungate

## 3's Lead Teacher

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Teaching is my passion. Being a part of City Kids School gives me joy, and I look forward to coming to work every day and discovering new adventures with the children in my class. I have an earned CDA (Child Development Associates), and I'm bursting with excitement about planting seeds of learning and fun activities into my classroom.

From a young age I knew I wanted to work with children. I volunteered in a kindergarten class assisting students with reading. People would comment on how gifted I was with this younger age. As I grew, the memories of working with that kindergarten class never left. A desire to become a teacher was deeply rooted within my heart.

I am genuinely thrilled to be a part of City Kids School, and believe that being here is a part of the fulfillment of God's plan for my life. It truly is the best place to be!

One of my favorite passages of Scripture is Ephesians 3:18, which says: "And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is."



# Beth Call

4's Lead Teacher

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I'm a graduate of Bowling Green State University with an earned Bachelor's of Science degree in Early Childhood Education. I am certified to teach 3-year-olds to third grade, and I'm passionate about teaching young children.

My classroom is fun and full of life! We daily learn by using all of our five senses, especially touch. We won't just talk about something we will smell it, taste it, touch it, listen to it, and use our eagle eyes to look at it. I love color! I like to mix and match, pattern, and stripe my way through a theme or letter of the alphabet.

Every child was created on purpose and for a purpose. I love children and want them to have the best experience at school.

My life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."



# Elizabeth Scott

Pre-K Lead Teacher

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I am a teacher in love with children and families! It is my mission to join with families to help the little ones learn & grow as a whole child: physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. I graduated from Northwest University in Kirkland with a Bachelors Degree in Education and obtained my teaching certificate. For the past five years I have been teaching first grade and kindergarten at a public school in Redmond. I love guiding children to learn through exploration, discovery, art, singing, physical movement, and more...there are so many ways to learn!

Two of my goals during every school year are:

1. Every child will feel the love of God in my classroom
2. Every child will love school.

I do my best to accomplish these goals by making learning a fun, joyful experience and creating activities that are developmentally appropriate.

I am especially excited to be a part of the team of teachers at The City Kids School! What a privilege to be teaching and learning in such a joyful place!

My favorite scripture is Romans 8:28. "For all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose."



# Brittany Cloyd

## Kindergarten

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I teach the most wonderful grade: Kindergarten. I'm a graduate of Seattle Pacific University where I earned a degree in Classics (ancient history and Latin) and a Washington State teaching certificate with an endorsement in elementary education. My classroom is fun and a place for discovery! As the students walk into the classroom, they become scientists, mathematicians, authors and illustrators, artists, and inventors. I love to bring hands-on activities daily to the classroom and watch the wonder of a student discover something new.

I am energetic, funny, and a fantastic story teller. I have always wanted to be a teacher and never wanted to forget what it was like to be the student. So, I wrote notes about qualities of my favorite teachers, activities that helped me learn best, and ideas that I wanted to pass on to my future students. I love learning, and my biggest goal as a teacher is to instill that love in my students.

A much-loved Scripture is Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

