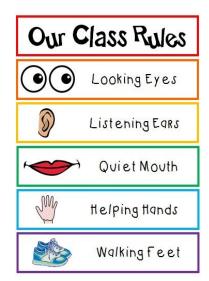
## Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten is a time where we become explorers. We get to explore how we fit in this big world that God created for us. We learn how to make discoveries while using our 5 senses. The most important thing we learn in this classroom is just how much our God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son to take our place. Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave so that we may live with Him forever in Heaven.



## About Our Kindergarten Teacher: Miss Jennifer Erickson

I graduated from Concordia University in Seward, NE with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I grew up in Germantown, IA. My family is very important to me. My dad is a Pastor. My mom is enjoying retirement. I have an older sister who is studying to become a school Librarian, an older brother who is a high school math teacher, and a younger sister who is working near home.

## My teaching philosophy:

- It is important that students feel safe and have fun learning in the classroom.
- Students discover their world through real world and hands on experiences.
- Most importantly, students are God's children and should get to know their Creator.



## **Our Class Rules:**

- Respect one another
- Be ready to learn
- Show God's love to everyone around us
- Have fun

This year in kindergarten we will be exploring the world of Gardens! We will be discovering the types of things we can find in a garden, from beautiful flowers that reach to the sky to the creepy crawlers that burrow deep in the ground.

The emphasis in our classroom is to learn through our experiences. Through our discovery of reading, we will open up a door to a vast world of knowledge of our own beautiful world and the things that God has created in it. Through math we will learn how to measure our world through our numbers, sorting, patterns, counting money, and more.

Our learning is very hands on and interactive. We use our smart board to learn new ideas, read magazines, write words, and even take a dance break when needed.

I am so excited for this new school year to begin! May God be with us during this adventure together. If you have any questions or need to talk about anything, just contact me through email or by phone:

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