

WELCOME TO THE FABULOUS 4'S!

Hello!

My name is **Carly Hanson**, and I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year. I have been working in education for over 20 years and cannot imagine any other career more meaningful than helping little ones fall in love with school. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Language Arts from Seattle Pacific University. I began my career as a preschool teacher and have also worked with adolescents as a College and Career Counselor, teaching courses and mentoring students through the college application process. My husband and I have two children (ages 12 & 10) who both graduated from St. John Vianney Catholic Preschool. I joined the teaching team at SJV in 2021, after homeschooling our preschooler through the pandemic. I am the lead teacher for the 4's Class and the Assistant Director for the preschool. When I'm not teaching, I love spending time with my family outdoors, jogging with our crazy dog, skiing, coaching my daughter's sports teams, and reading.

CONNECT WITH ME



I welcome and encourage communication between caregivers and teachers. All questions, comments, insights, and observations are important to me. Please note that drop-off and pick-up times are not optimal times for conversation, as my focus will be on the students, and I will be unable to give you my full attention. Please don't hesitate to contact me at chanson@sjvkirkland.org or via the Remind App (details to come).

CALENDAR



You will receive a monthly calendar via email that highlights the curriculum, the show and tell schedule, field trips, class parties, and other important information. If possible, please print a copy and hang it where your child can see it. They love to see an overview of the fun things we are going to do in class!

LUNCHTIME



We will be eating our lunches together as part of the school experience. Please pack a labeled lunchbox for your child. Lunches should not require refrigeration. The preschool is a nut-free environment, so please refrain from sending any nut products in your child's lunch. We will be providing a mid-morning snack. Examples of some the food served include fresh fruit, goldfish crackers, string cheese, yogurt, etc. Water will also be served at snack and lunchtime. *If possible, please avoid soups in

thermoses and juice boxes, as they are difficult for children to open and often spill in the lunchbox.

DRESS TO LEARN



Learning is doing and doing is learning! Experiencing is a large part of the learning process, and we encourage students to use all 5 senses, even if that means getting a bit messy. Please send your child in weather appropriate, washable clothing. We will get paint on ourselves despite wearing smocks, we will spill things, we will play in messy goop, we will explore outside in all-weather conditions (mud puddles on a rainy day are the best)! The last thing we want is your child worrying about getting their clothes or shoes dirty. Dress for success in preschool means well-worn, well-loved clothing. Please bring a labeled pair of rain boots to leave at school for your child. Our play field can get muddy when the rain rolls in. We recommend packing a set of extra clothes in your child's red bag.



BIRTHDAY AND HALF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating birthday milestones are fun and exciting. We will use snack time to celebrate these milestones. The birthday child will have the opportunity to wear a special birthday crown made just for them. Nut-free treats are welcome if you'd like to bring something special to share.



FIELD TRIPS

Our class will have the opportunity to take a few fun field trips this year, including a visit to the Pumpkin Patch in October. More details will be sent home as we move closer to the date.



VOLUNTEERING

We love parent (and grandparent) volunteers. If you would like to join us in the classroom to enhance our curriculum, please let us know. Perhaps you'd like to help lead a baking project? Craft project? Maybe you play an instrument and would like to lead us in a sing-a-long? Whatever your skill is, we'd love to have you. Contact me, and I will find a time for you to join us!



MAKING PLAY DOUGH

Play dough is a great way for students to build muscles needed for fine motor skills, so we will use play dough often in our class! We need your help to keep our play dough fresh and clean each month. A sign up sheet is available for those who can help keep our playdough fun!



SHOW AND TELL

Show and Tell is a special time for students to bring a little piece of home into the classroom. It also serves as an early experience in public speaking and extends our literacy curriculum. Students will be invited to bring an item from home that begins with the letter we are learning. **We will begin Show and Tell in January.** Please note: all items must be small enough to fit easily into their school bags.



PRESCHOOL BAG

Each child will receive an SJV Preschool Bag with their name on it. Please be sure your child comes to school with their bag every day and that is emptied of the previous day's belongings. We highly recommend packing a change of clothes in your child's red bag each class period in case of accidents or spills.



CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

Children thrive in a predictable environment. Therefore, we will keep to an established routine (times are fluid approximations) as we move about our preschool day. The flow of the day will remain constant, but the activities will be new and exciting. Our day will look something like this:

9:15 Arrival and morning greetings

9:30 Opening Circle

10:00 Snack

10:30 Outside Play

11:00 Directed Activity/Center Exploration

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Outside Play/Movement Activity

12:45 Closing Circle

1:00 Goodbyes