

WELCOME TO 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL!



My name is Miss Courtney and I'm starting my second year as the 4 year old preschool teacher. Although newer to our school, I am not new to early childhood education. I earned my bachelors and masters degrees in early childhood education from ISU and worked at the Early Childhood Partnership School for three years before taking a break to stay home with my own children. I have recently been the kindergarten aide here at Holy Spirit and have really enjoyed having my own classroom once again.

Here are a few things to help you get to know me a little bit better.

- My husband and I have been blessed with 5 fantastic kids ranging from 19 years to 4 years old. We've been preparing for college AND preschool at the same time!
- Holy Spirit Catholic School is a family affair. Four of my children are students here and the second grade teacher, Mrs. Winter, is my mom.
- I like to read and to make things. I love treasure hunting at thrift stores and junk shops and making old things new again.
- My family enjoys camping, bike riding, fishing, watching movies and family game nights. We like animals and have 2 dogs, 3 cats and some goldfish.
- I'm a big fan of getting our hands dirty! Paint, sand, water, glue, etc available on a daily basis. We will certainly take precautions to keep things relatively tidy, but exploring is a messy business!

Preschool is such a busy time! I believe children construct their own understanding and knowledge of the world through their experiences within it. It is my job to create a safe environment that will nurture and support their natural drive to explore. What comes most naturally to children? **Playing!** In the words of the well loved Mr. Fred Rogers, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."