

# WOCS

# Weatherford PreK

# Syllabus

# Mrs. Sikes



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Western Oklahoma Christian School

# Pre-K Weatherford Campus Parent Handbook

Dear Parents:

I am excited to be starting a new year with you and your student. In the following pages, you will find important information to help you and your student prepare for a wonderful year in Pre-K here at Western Oklahoma Christian School, Weatherford. Please look through this information carefully and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [wprek@wocs.org](mailto:wprek@wocs.org) or contact me through GroupMe.

Working Together in Christ,  
Mrs. Karola Sikes

## Our Class

Blakely Daugherty.....04/26

Murray Day.....04/18

Kit Hankins .....03/18

KadenceRae Harper.....05/04

Lily Hoyl.....02/15

Amos Jones .....02/21

Eli Perkins.....02/06

Atlas Scheidemantel.....01/03

Cru Stutzman .....09/14

## Meet Mrs. Sikes

Hello! My name is Mrs. Sikes, and I am so excited to be teaching your amazing children! This year is going to be an adventurous year full of learning God's Word and all of His creations! I am so thrilled to see what God has in store for us. I look forward to learning about all of the neat things that make each student unique.

I grew up in Germany but have been living in the United States for over 25 years. I am married to Jeff Sikes who is the Lead Pastor at the Church of the Nazarene and have two adult sons. Nathaniel lives at home and works at SWOSU. Benjamin lives in Yukon and is married to Sarah, a lovely young woman who is a pre-natal genetic counselor. Benjamin is a Youth Pastor at the Fellowship @ Western Oaks Church.

15 years of my life were spent ministering with an international and interdenominational Christian Drama company, which involved working in schools in many different countries. Presently I am the Co-Pastor at the Nazarene Church in town and love teaching children. This is my ninth-year teaching at WOCS, and each year has been a blessing to me as I watch children discover the joy of learning.

I love teaching young children, because it is exciting to see them learn new things and acquire the skills that we take for granted. I look forward to another amazing school year!

## Classroom Discipline Policy

I believe that a healthy classroom and learning environment for your child involves age-appropriate rules and consequences. Below are the classroom rules and some of the consequences you can expect throughout the year. God's grace is new every day, I will never hold the behavior of the previous day against the student the next day. I want to work with your children as much as possible, for the purpose of order in the classroom; however, students who are displaying disruptive behaviors will be given appropriate consequences at the discretion of the teacher. This includes breaking the regular classroom rules or any other behavior that is harmful and repeatedly disruptive to other students.

### Our Rules

- Eyes are watching (point to your eyes)
- Ears are Listening (tug on one earlobe)
- Mouth Quiet (put your finger to your lips)
- Hands Helping (hold your hands in front of you)
- Feet crisscross or feet on the floor

**We will be using an adjusted "Love and Logic" discipline in the classroom, which relies on giving the child choices rather than demands.**

### Consequences

#### When I obey the rules:

Able to participate in all activities that are offered.

Sticker or candy prize

Note home to tell your parents how awesome you are!

**When I do not obey the rules:**

1. Warning
2. Talking with the teacher to make a better choice.
3. Missing out on center time or other activities - if I continue to make unwise choices.
4. Follow through with talking to the parent if student chooses not to participate appropriately in classroom activities continuously.

**Severe Clause:**

Any student who is putting him/herself (or any other student) in danger will be immediately removed from the classroom until they calm down and can discuss the situation. They will be sent to our Lead Teacher, which is Mrs. C, and parents will be called.

**Classroom Procedures****Leader/Helper**

- Each student will have the opportunity to serve as the class leader/helper during each week.
- The duties of the leader/helper include:
  - Line Leader / Line caboose
  - Snack Person: Help hand out snacks and help hand out supplies as needed.
  - Community Helper: Help wipe down tables during center time

**Bell Work**

- As students arrive each morning, they will put away their backpack in their locker, put their water bottle on the water table, go to their seat, get out their pencil box and begin working on the bell work paper at their desk. Parents please put their lunch box on the lower shelf of the cart on the right hand side of the school entrance.

**Story Time**

- Students will have the opportunity to talk and answer questions about shared reading experiences after the book is completed.
- During reading, students will sit quietly with their hands in their laps or at their desk and listen to the story without interrupting.

**Seat Work**

- During seatwork students must work quietly at their desk.
- If a student needs help, she/he must raise their hand and wait for the teacher.
- If students finish their work early, they may choose a manipulation box or do a different activity that I have prepared in advance for them.

**Center Time**

- During centers, students may talk freely while playing, but if it gets too noisy the student will have a 2 minute seated time out after receiving a verbal warning. During center time students can use the restroom anytime they wish.

**Active Learning**

- During active learning sessions it is very important for students to follow all teachers' directions.

**Lunch is from 11:30 – 12:00pm.**

- You are always welcome to join your child for lunch or volunteer to help serving lunches.

### Rest Time

• During rest time (12:30-1:25 pm) students are asked to lie on their mats quietly if they do not sleep. I will be playing classical or instrumental praise music or read-aloud stories during this time. You may send a small blanket with your child that we will store in the classroom. It needs to fit in their cubby!

### Restroom

- The restroom is **ONLY** for using the bathroom and washing hands.
- Playing in the restroom will not be tolerated.
- When students are finished in the restroom they need to come directly back into the gym and wait in line quietly for the rest of the class or return to class if they are going by themselves.

<h2>Weekly Schedule</h2>
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After chapel each morning, we will be in our classroom other than for recess, lunch, and restroom breaks. The afternoons will include these special classes weekly:

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – P.E. (2:00 – 2:30 pm)** (Please send your student in Tennis Shoes on those days!)

**Monday and Tuesday – Music (2:30 – 3:00 pm)**

**Tuesday and Thursday – German (2:00 -2:30 pm)**

**Thursday – Art (2:30 – 3:00 pm)**

### Tuesday Folders

Every Tuesday your student will come home with a blue folder. This folder contains important information that should be looked over carefully. **You will need to return the folder the next day, Wednesday.**

**During the week your student will bring home her or his School Folder with his or her daily work. The folder needs to be returned the following day.**

### Show and Tell

We will have “show and tell” on Friday mornings. An assigned student will be allowed to bring **one** item to share with the class. I will send a “Show and Tell” bag home with the student. The item should be able to fit in the bag and must have an on/off switch. Parents please do not let your child bring toys, stuffed animals, lipstick etc. to class except on his or her show and tell days. Please make arrangements with me if a child wants to bring their pet or any other special item for Show and Tell. **“Show and Tell” starts the first week in October.**

### **Classroom Parties**

The Weatherford campus celebrates three holidays. Please keep in mind that we do not celebrate secular holidays or holidays in a secular manner, like Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Santa Claus, Easter Bunnies and Cupids on Valentine's Day.

Christmas Party, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

God's Love Party, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Resurrection Party, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteer parents will organize these parties. All Parents may attend each party and hopefully take an active part in making the parties enjoyable for the kids.

### **Snack Policy**

We will have snack time each morning at 9:45 am. Each month I will print out a snack calendar and send it home with your child. When you purchase or make a snack, please keep in mind that we strive to have healthy snacks. There are times when our curriculum includes ideas for specific snacks that support the lesson. I will share them in the weekly newsletter as a suggestion, you are in no way obligated to provide that specific snack. For special occasions (like a birthday), you are welcome to bring a special treat which we will have in the afternoon, just let me know in advance. Each child is encouraged to bring a water bottle to the classroom daily.

### **Field Trips**

We will have four field trips throughout the year. The dates and locations are to be announced. As the trips approach, we will be sending you information in the Tuesday folders. Oklahoma Law stipulates that all children five and under need to be sitting in a booster seat while riding in a car. I do have three booster seats in case there is a need for one.

### **Attendance/Homework**

I do not assign homework in Pre-K. The only activity that I would like the parents to work on with their student is the memory verse that they will recite on Fridays in class. When your child recites the memory verse in class, he or she will receive a "dum-dum".

### **School starts at 8:20 am and ends at 3:10 pm.**

Please be on time to make sure your child is in his/her seat by 8:15 am. BeforeCare starts at 7:30 am and the classroom door opens at 8:10 am at which time, your child will be aloud in the classroom. Chapel starts each morning at 8:20 am and I do not want any child to miss chapel. According to school policy, "students who are absent in excess of 10 days in one semester, 20 days in 2 semesters may be required to repeat that grade." Each day we are learning something new. It is important for your student to attend each day so they do not fall behind.

Our school policy for **this school year** due to Covid-19 states, "If your child has a fever, you cannot send your child back to school for 24 hrs." If you know that your child will not be coming to school because of sickness and will miss one or more days of school, please text or email me. You may pick up your child's work for days missed.

*I look forward to helping and encouraging your child to progress spiritually, academically, and socially. I trust that it will be a wonderful school year for all of us! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any joys, questions, or concerns. I will be at school each afternoon until 3:30 pm.*

*Blessings,*  
Karola Sikes

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