

Welcome to Kindergarten! I hope you will find our program to be a kind and loving, learning, and growing experience.

A little about me... My husband Bob and I have been married 35 years and have 3 sons: Rob who is a graduate of Iowa State University and living in Des Moines, Tom who is a graduate of the University of Iowa and living in Ottumwa with his wife Makayla and our beautiful 18 month old grandson, and Jim who is living at home and working in Muscatine. Bob works at Ridgecrest Village in Davenport. I have a degree from Iowa State University in Elementary Education and have taken over 30 hours of post-graduate classes in Early Childhood Education and Spanish. This is my 14th year of teaching at Bishop Hayes, and I love it! I taught preschool previously for 4 years in Davenport.

Sandi Honts is our associate. She worked in first grade at Bishop Hayes before moving to Kindergarten last year and is great with the children. I feel fortunate to have such a great co-worker!

Each month I will be sending home book orders for you to purchase books for your children. This is strictly optional but I think you'll find it is something your children will look forward to. The books are usually here within 3 weeks.

Each day we will have a sharing time (Show and Tell) so the children will have their special time to share something they have brought from home. Your child's sharing day will be the same day as their snack day. If possible send something related to the theme of the week.

You will receive a snack calendar each month. Please send 22 packaged, nutritious snacks and napkins on your child's assigned day (NO NUTS). The weekly theme will be shown on "Sunday."

Our "specials" schedule is: Monday- Music, Tuesday and Thursday- PE, Wednesday- Art, Friday- Enrichment (including Spanish and Library skills). We also will have Success Lab (computers) daily.

There is a "Giving Tree" on the classroom door with supplies you may choose to donate for our room. Thank you for so willingly sharing with us!

I am working on setting up an email group for communication. Please check the website (www.bishophayescatholicsschool.com) and click on kindergarten for the latest news.

I'm looking forward to a fun year with your children and trust it will be a positive experience for each of them!

Norma Morrison