



Sharron Plucker

Walla Walla Public Schools Classroom Close-Up



TEACHER NAME: Sharron Plucker

SCHOOL: Head Start Preschool

Position: Preschool teacher

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 20 years

Q. What is the daily routine in the preschool program?

A. Students attend either morning or afternoon, Monday through Thursday. Staff participate in professional development and do home visits on Fridays. We have a very set routine. When the students arrive, they return books from the lending library, work on personal hygiene and then go to large group activities. Students then do a small group activity, free choice time, story time, recess and lunch.

Q. Why kind of results do you see with preschool students?

A. They make tremendous growth. Students are able to follow directions and sit when they are supposed. Most students already know how to write their name, know approximately ten letters, and count and match quantity to counting. They are able to say letter sounds and recognize letters. It is amazing how much they achieve through this program.

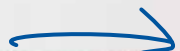
Q. Why is preschool so important?

A. Sometimes parents don't know how to help their child prepare for school and some parents are working and don't have a lot of time. Preschool gives students a foundation of skills that will help them transition to kindergarten and get off to a positive start in school.

Q. Why are parents so critical to this program?

A. The parent is the primary advocate for the child. We only have the child for a little over three hours, four days a week, and parents have them the rest of the time. Children learn by what they see at home and it is important for them to be good role models for their children. This program also offers parents classes and support so they can develop the skills needed to help their child be successful in school.

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MOMENTS & MEMORIES FROM SHARRON'S CLASS:



COMMENTS FROM SHARRON.

We encourage parent and community volunteers. We invite anyone who would like to see and learn more about our program to visit. Just come to the main office and check in. You are always welcome in our classrooms.

I grew up in northern California. I attended California State University in Chico. I met my husband in Chico and after we were married we moved back to his family farm near Touchet.



We have two sons. Chris is a teacher at Pioneer MS. My younger son attended West Point and is now an Army officer. We have two wonderful sons with two wonderful daughter-in-laws.