



Summer, 2007

Hello, Kindergartners!

Welcome to All-Day Kindergarten at Bellevue Christian School! I am so glad that we are going to be sharing this school year together, and I look forward to the plan that God has for our class as we learn and grow together. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to teach at this school, and have already begun to pray for you and your family—I can't wait to meet you!

We have many exciting things to learn about this year, as we learn about the world God made for us, and the plan He has for each of our lives. Creation will be our very first Bible unit. We will be learning about our school, and what our responsibilities are as an important part of our classroom and our school. We will make new friends and try lots of new things together! Reading readiness is a very important part of what we learn in Kindergarten, and we will be doing many fun phonics and reading activities throughout the year.

You will need some school supplies when you come to our class on the first day of school! You will sit at a table with your classmates, and supplies will be combined and shared with everyone. Therefore, you do not need to label them!

**\*\*Box of 24 crayons** (no more than 24 please!)

**\*\*4 LARGE Glue Sticks** (Not liquid glue or "Pot o'glue")

**\*\*12 #2 school pencils**

**\*\*Box of 24 colored pencils**

**\*\*Box of 8 primary colored markers**

**\*\*One sketchbook for art class** (8 ½ x 11 *spiral* notebook with BLANK pgs.)

**\*\*2 Boxes of zip-locks—one each of gallon and sandwich size**

**\*\*Two sponges** (for cleaning desks)

**\*\*Three large containers of surface wipes** (Kirkland or Clorox brand, for example)

**\*\*One three-ring binder** (portfolio/memory book; should be no larger than 2" size. It would be helpful if it had a clear cover for insertion of photos.) This should have your name on it!

**\*\*One sturdy backpack**—to bring to and from school each day!

**\*\*One blanket from home for rest time** (we have a short rest time on mats each day for part of the school year—it is a long day for many of them!)

**PARENTS:** The school will supply your child with pencils, scissors, and a folder to bring papers and notes home. **Please clearly label all of your child's belongings with their name!**☺

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>; **This will be a half-day for all kindergartners.** Your mom and/or dad will drop you off in our classroom when school starts at 8:30 am. There is a meeting for all parents in the multipurpose room, so they can go and meet people and learn more about what will happen at our school this year. In the meantime, you will be in our class making new friends and learning about kindergarten! At 10:00, your mom and/or dad will come to our class and have a meeting with me. I will tell them about our classroom, and answer any questions they might have. You will go with our classroom assistant during this time to hear a story, have a snack, and get a tour of the school. **At 11:30, you will be done for the day, so you will go home with your parents.**

On Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, our first full day together, please bring your favorite Teddy Bear. You will also need to bring a snack and a lunch for that day, when we have a full school day, 8:30-2:40.

You are very special to me already, and I look forward to meeting you and your parents!

In Jesus' Love,

Mrs. Dorothy Van Ness

p.s.—tell your mom and dad that they can learn more about our class at our webpage on the BCS website. Go to [www.bellevuechristian.org](http://www.bellevuechristian.org) and look under teacher web pages for Mrs. Dorothy Van Ness☺.