

# Welcome to Northshore Christian Academy's Kindergarten program!

In Kindergarten our teachers begin cultivating the love of learning to read by teaching an appreciation for literature through written and oral experiences. Reading is key in the success of every other subject area, and Kindergarteners have plenty of opportunities to learn new subjects including subjects such as , Art, Computers, Library, Spanish, Music and P.E.

They will learn about God's perfect order and patterns through the study of mathematics. They solve problems through the use of math concepts of addition, subtraction, money values (base ten), clock times, measurement and simple graphing.

Art is used to teach appreciation for God's beauty and design. The "Meet the Master's" art curriculum introduces students to 7 famous artists and their techniques. Many other special projects, such as creating a Flat Stanley and sending him off on an adventure, make learning about other areas and cultures fun and interesting for Kindergarteners. Community Helper week is a highlight, where children can meet Firefighters, Police Officers, Dentists, Construction Workers.



## Principal, K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades and School Operations

Mrs. Diane Winningham is Principal of K-2nd Grades and School Operations at NCA and took this position in 2013. She has a BA in Elementary Education and an Masters in Elementary Education and School Administration. She has worked in Christian schools since 1989 in many capacities. From 2008 to 2013, Mrs. Winningham worked as an Elementary Principal at an International School in China. She has both taught and supervised elementary students during her career, and she truly loves her job!



Mrs. Amy Kovach,  
Assistant to K-2<sup>nd</sup> Principal

## Kindergarten Teachers



**Ms. Lynn Ackervold** has been teaching Kindergarten for over 20 years prior to coming to Northshore in 2008. She has an AA degree in Early Childhood Development, a BA in Christian Ministries from Puget Sound Christian, and a Masters in Teaching from City University. She also attended the University of Washington to study Art before God redirected her path to teaching. Some of her interests are Creation Science and Art - including calligraphy and watercolor.



**Mrs. Carrie Davis** graduated from Western Washington University with a BA in Elementary Education. She has taught at NCA since 1996. Mrs. Davis began teaching 1st grade and after ten wonderful years, she moved to the Impact Program where she taught reading and handwriting for three years. It was through her time spent in Impact that she discovered a passion for teaching Kindergarteners! Mrs. Davis has been teaching kindergarten at Northshore since 2009. Mrs. Davis and her husband Jeff have two children who have both attended Northshore. Mrs. Davis loves to scrapbook and to spend time with her family.



**Mrs. Sarah Fell** earned her BA in Psychology with an emphasis in Child Development from the University of Washington. After starting a family, she returned to college to earn her Masters in Teaching from Northwest University. She is also trained in GLAD literacy strategies. Mrs. Fell came to NCA as a parent in 2006 and first worked as an EA and then as school librarian for two years. Mrs. Fell has taught kindergarten here since 2008. She and her husband have three children who have attended Northshore.



**Mrs. Lauren Patchin** earned her BA in Elementary Education from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, CA. She spent two years teaching kindergarten and 1st grade in San Diego. In 2011, she and her husband moved to the Seattle area, and she began teaching kindergarten at Northshore. She and her husband are actively involved in the ministry Young Life at Kamiak High School, leading Sophomores and Juniors.



**Mrs. Erin Sand** earned her Bachelor of Science in Admin. Management and Business Communication at Central Washington University which she put to use while working for Nordstrom and LEGO before returning to school to become a teacher. She then earned her BA in K-8th Education from Western Washington University, Woodring College of Education. Mrs. Sand started here as a Kindergarten EA and also served as the PTF Teacher Appreciation Coordinator and later as the PTF Vice President. She started at NCA as a Kindergarten teacher in 2006. Mrs. Sand and her husband, Jon, have two sons who have both attended NCA.