

My name is Sandie Sulzle. I have an Associate of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and hold a step 9 on the Oregon Registry. I have been working in the Early Childhood Education field since 1976. I take 18 + hours of continuing education in Early Childhood Education classes on a yearly basis.

I love being a Preschool teacher and am always looking for new and interesting fun things to do with the children. I also love spending time with my family—spending time together on Vancouver Island in Canada and just “sitting on the dock of the bay...”. I enjoy camping at the coast and my family’s favorite place is Cape Lookout State Park. Getting lost in a good book is another pastime I truly enjoy.

My Classroom Philosophy:

My Philosophy on learning is I believe children learn best through play, while being immersed in an environment filled with experiences and materials that interest them at whatever developmental stage they are at. Helping children develop good self-awareness and confidence in what they can do is the best gift I can give them.



Why I choose to work in Christian Education:

I didn’t choose Christian education—I feel that it chose me. The reason is too long to list—really it’s a book yet unwritten, titled: *I Have a Friend, Her Name is Gaby*. Initially, I had planned to study nursing. That did not end up being the path my life took and I have worked for the last 37 years in Christian schools. I wasn’t always clear if it was for me... then a little girl, Gaby, came to PAES. Through meeting her and her family and being willing to listen to God’s plan He guided me to open the minds and hearts of teachers in our school who do not get to work with special needs children on a regular basis. I have a clear understanding as to why I was chosen to be here and not take the path I had imagined my life to be as a nurse. I know that God knew that Gaby would need me and, in turn, I have been blessed beyond measure!!! What I learned is this: if you listen God will guide you—He has a plan.