

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 loved being a Preschool Teacher and as the Childcare Program Director, I apply a similar philosophy to our Childcare Program. I am always looking for new and interesting things to do with the children. I also love spending time with my family – on Vancouver Island in Canada and just “sitting on the dock of the bay.” We enjoy camping at the coast where my family’s favorite place is Cape Lookout State Park. Getting lost in a good book is another pastime I enjoy!

My Classroom Philosophy

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 detail—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 nearly 40 years in Christian schools. I wasn't always sure if it was meant 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 staff who had not worked with special needs children on a regular basis. I now 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 know is this: if you listen God will guide you—He has a plan.