**Welcome to Lakeside Preparatory!**

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*Lakeside Preparatory is a unique program designed to*

 *grow young minds in more ways than one!*

**My name is Julie Belk and I am a National Board Certified teacher with 22 years of experience. I taught children with special needs for six years, Kindergarten in the public school system for eight years and have had my own learning program for eight years. I have also been a multi-age tutor for 14 years. I truly love every student that comes through my program and I treat them as if they are my own.**

**I have been with my high school sweet heart 29 years and married for 23 years. We are both born and raised in the Charlotte/Huntersville area. We have three children ranging from 6-18 years old.**

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**Lakeside Preparatory provides a fun-filled, hands on learning experience which will ultimately help prepare children for school.  The focus is on academic achievement, strengthening fine and gross motor skills as well as building confidence with social awareness. Children will benefit from a combination of whole group activities and small group interactions.  Attention will be given to individual strengths and weaknesses which will allow for differentiated instruction.  Periodic assessments will be given to track monthly and yearly progress.  This program is designed to provide individual tutoring in a collaborative learning environment.  Children benefit from learning through play and social interactions such as music & movement, games, stories and role play.  These activities are used to incorporate imaginative play as well as allow physical fitness.  All activities are developmentally appropriate and set in a nurturing, but structured environment.**

**School hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00-1:00. The 2018-2019 school year will go from September 4th- May 30th. A detailed schedule will be posted in the summer.**

**\*Please visit the website for this year’s schedule and calendar**

***Age is just a number.  I understand that children learn at different capacities, therefore I teach each child based on ability and not age.***

My mission has always been to provide children with individualized instruction in a whole group setting. All activities and lessons are differentiated, meaning everyone doesn’t participate in the same learning activities. Groups constantly change based on the skills being taught for each lesson. Because of the nature of my program, age of a child, personality, and strengths, children may participate in the program more than one year. Since each objective and lesson are differentiated, a child will never have the same learning experience in two consecutive years.

 Below is an example of a typical day at Lakeside. Each day varies depending on Science/Social Studies/Spanish/Holidays/Show and Share, etc.

8:50-9:10 Arrival/Morning Work (blocks, math manipulatives, puzzles, coloring, tracing, copying, completing activity from previous day)

9:10-9:30 Whole Group Circle Time (welcome, songs, calendar, show and share, story, etc)

9:30-9:45 Whole Group Math Lesson (teacher instruction, games, movement, songs)

9:45-10:30 Small Group Rotations (3-5 differentiated learning groups based on skills taught. They consist of teacher led groups, independent/peer collaboration, free choice exploration and follow up of skills taught)

10:30 Snack

10:40-10:50 Whole Group Literacy Lesson (story, games, songs, teacher instruction)

10:50-11:45 Small Group Rotations (3-5 differentiated learning groups based on skills taught. They consist of teacher led groups, independent/peer collaboration, free choice exploration and follow up of skills taught)

11:45-12:35 Lunch/ Recess (Whole Group)

12:35-12:50 Whole Group Circle Time to recap day

12:50-1:00 Pack up/Treasure box/Dismiss

My program is designed to be integrated, so all children know each other and can have experiences with a variety of peers. Each year the enrollment varies. No matter the number of students I have had in the past, I am blessed to always have the same successful results. I want to make sure the children are safe, reaching their learning potential and love school! I don’t have separated classrooms with a set teacher. I am the lead teacher and will have part time educators to assist with the rotations, differentiated activities as well as help monitor lunch, recess, etc. This coming year, the max will be 24 students with two part time educators. The ratio will be 1:8 during learning activities. I have been pursuing a permanent place that will allow us to have a paved parking area, fenced in yard and road front signage. I am currently under contract on a house and large lot across from Huntersville Elementary and near Discovery Place Kids. I am very excited! I haven’t closed on it yet, however I have the children, families and program’s best interest in mind so rest assured, we will be in a safe and nurturing setting for the fall. I will keep you updated as I know more.

At Lakeside Preparatory, you will receive:

\*Developmentally appropriate activities that are fun and engaging

\*Small group learning stations

\*Individualized instruction based on each child’s strengths and weaknesses

\*Beginning of the year individual assessment

\* One on one teacher conferences in the fall and spring

\*Communication Binder/Notebook that comes back and forth to school each day.

\*Daily/Weekly texts, updates and pictures

\*Facebook posts and pictures about what we are learning

\*Personalized Learning

\*Parent shows throughout the year (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring, End of Year)

\*Fieldtrips

\*Most importantly, genuine love and concern for your child

I have always offered an “open door” policy where parents are encouraged to ask questions and keep an ongoing dialogue of communication. I want to make sure we have a strong partnership to help your child be successful.

Please visit www.lakesidekprep.com or the Lakeside Preparatory Facebook page for detailed information and updates. You can always call or text me at 704-577-0399.

Thank you for trusting me with your child. I am looking forward to a fun year!

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