

KGBSD
Indian Education Preschool at Kayhi (this year ☺)

Dear Families,

Welcome to the IEA Preschool at Kayhi this year! My name is Penny Hamlin and I go by Ms. Penny at school. I am very excited to be working with you and your child in this program! I am hoping to partner with you to create a space for your child to grow, explore and succeed!

Just a little bit about myself ... I've been teaching on and off in the district since 1997. I've taught preschool for 16 years, English in Kanayama, Japan (our sister city) for one year and English as a Second Language for three years. I've taught at White Cliff, Houghtaling, TSAS, Point Higgins, Fawn Mountain and now Kayhi. My husband (Captain Ron) and I have three children, Piper age 3, James age 13 and Alec age 23. We love being out on the water more than anything and enjoy all the goodness Ketchikan has to offer.

Many of you already know Ms. Sarah who has been an amazing constant in the Pioneer Home Preschool for 9 years! Here is a tidbit from Ms. Sarah: I married my wonderful husband Victor almost 13 years ago here in Ketchikan. We have two children: Jayden age 12, and Bernadine age 6. We're a pretty laid back family that spends a lot of time at home, playing board games, making things and are very involved in our church.

The IEA Preschool at Kayhi is part of the Houghtaling Family. Our Principal Michael Cron would also like to welcome you!

The primary goal of this "play-centered" preschool is to provide a safe, fun environment that stimulates growth in every developmental area including social and emotional, physical, cognitive, and language. We do this through experiences with books, songs, games, finger plays, puppets, social interaction, art, science projects, toys and much more. This is called "constructive play" meaning children are encouraged to explore their interests to guide their play. Curriculum is then developed to provide learning opportunities targeted at specific learning goals.

I like to teach through themes, but if the childrens' interests take us another direction, the curriculum will follow. Weekly, we will focus a great deal on literacy including "Letter of the Week." These lessons introduce letters but also teach pre-reading skills.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call! 228-8809.

Looking forward to an amazing year!

Ms. Penny & Ms. Sarah