

## *Welcome to Pre-kindergarten 3*

Hello, my name is Tami Raleigh and I have been with Northlake Montessori since 2005. I have been in childcare since 1996 and completed my Montessori training in 2005. I am currently furthering my education in early childhood education and am about to complete my child development associates. I live in Monroe with my husband and two sons. Born and raised in the Northwest, I like the outdoors and love the scenery here. I enjoy walks, movies, photography, reading and playing with my boys! I like Northlake because it's a great place to work and children are amazing little people! Helping them to learn new skills and watching them grow is such a great experience.

~Ms. Tami

Hi, my name is Natalie Lang and I have been with Northlake Montessori since 2006. I completed my Montessori training in 2007 and am currently furthering my early childhood education at Everett Community College. I live in Bothell with my son, Bentley. Born and raised in the northwest also, I enjoy the beach, movies, reading and exploring this beautiful state! More than anything, I love to spend time with my family. I enjoy working at Northlake, it feels like a second home to me and I love the children that I get to care for! It's very rewarding to see the children learn and grow!

~Ms. Natalie

*"Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed." - Maria Montessori*

*"The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life." - Maria Montessori*

*"What is the greatest sign of success for a teacher transformed? It is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist." - Maria Montessori*

We would like to welcome you and your child to our Pre-kindergarten 3 class; we look forward to working with you! In our class, your child will learn with a hands on approach. We will have small group work and independent work. When new work is introduced, a lesson will be presented in morning circle showing the children how to perform the skill. As their teachers, we promise to keep new and challenging work available and help guide them in being successful.

We look forward to working with you and your child!

-Ms. Tami and Ms. Natalie

*Welcome to school! I wanted to give you a little info to help us all get off to a great start and make this transition just a little easier. This room will become a very important place in you and your child's life, so Ms. Natalie and I will do our best to always keep an open line of communication and make you feel comfortable. We will communicate through e-mail [nlmprek3@comcast.net](mailto:nlmprek3@comcast.net) and most importantly, face-to-face conversation. Come talk when you can or schedule a meeting if needed. Our web page will also have any information you might need (Calendar, newsletter) plus fun photos of your children. [www.nlmontessori.com](http://www.nlmontessori.com)*

*To sum up Pre-K 3 in a few words... Our room is designed for children to enhance their independence, explore all the possibilities and discover everything they find interesting in their world. As their teachers, we will provide them with a wide variety of challenging materials and new experiences. We will also be having a whole bunch of fun and silly times (and a few serious ones☺). All of this is provided with our love and passion for sharing our world with theirs.*

**Please provide your child with:**

- A family photo (4X6 or smaller please)
- A change of clothes (EVERYONE...accidents happen!)
- Slippers for the classroom
- Wipes (just in case)
- Crib sheet (why crib? fits nap mat best), small blanket (please take sheet and blanket home on Fridays to wash)

Please have children here by 9:30am so they can share in our community circle. It can be difficult for children to come late and enter into an already engaged classroom. It's also important to have all the things children need during the day; nap items, extra clothes, and proper outdoor items depending on the weather. **Please leave extra toys and other items at home** or waiting in the car for their return.

We e-mail a newsletter at the beginning of every month that has important dates, weekly curriculum and special announcements.

Show and tell is every Friday. If you do not attend on Fridays, your show and tell day will be your last day of the week.