

Hi there! My name is Kami Preston, teacher of the Polka Dots. I'll bet you'd like to know a little more about who your child is going to be spending lots of time with this year. Here's a little peek into my world...

My husband, David, and I are both from East Tennessee and have been married for 17 years. I am mother to three amazing children, Adeline, (3) Reid, (2) and Garnet, (6) Frank and Henry, our two cats, and our new sheepadoodle puppy, Charlie, make our household complete.

Alumna of Dobyns-Bennett High School and ETSU, I have a Bachelors Degree in both Elementary Education and Early Childhood Development, as well as a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Development. I taught Kindergarten at Andrew Johnson Elementary, part of Kingsport City Schools and at Mountain View Elementary, here in Johnson City, before we had children of our own. During the 11 years that I stayed home with our children, our family had the blessing of homeschooling before I came back to teaching here at Lake Ridge in 2012.

My passions, outside of the classroom, include just about anything creative. I very much enjoy expressing myself through cooking, whether for my family of 5 or a party of 50. David says shrimp and grits are my specialty. And don't be surprised if I have a paintbrush or seam ripper tucked behind my ear at any given moment, because I love to paint and sew. I'm also an assistant Girl Scout leader, teacher of an adult Sunday School class, and weekly volunteer for the music department of our church. But of all the activities I participate in, the most fulfilling is being a vocalist with the Praise Band at Munsey. Just ask any former student, I have a song for everything!

I knew that I was meant to be a teacher when I was six. There is no doubt in my mind that working with young children is what I was put on this earth to do. I love my job! I look forward to sharing special moments with your child in the coming months and creating a love for learning that will last a lifetime. Thank you for entrusting me with their care.