

I was born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin and then moved all over after marrying my husband, Mike who was a store manager. We settled here in Arizona in 1991 after having lived in Lacrosse, WI; St Paul, MN; St Louis, MO; Pueblo, CO; Rancho Cucamonga, CA and Morgantown, WV. As we moved, we traveled and explored the states around us. We have been in all of the states except for three. We are hoping to see those three states in the next few years.

I have worked in Early Childhood for since 1998, I have worked in most phases of education and child care. I attended GCC and then transferred to Rio Salado to work on my AA in Early childhood. I have all of my Early Childhood classes completed and am now working on my general studies classes to complete my degree.

In my spare time, I enjoy rock hounding, meeting with friends at Starbucks and touring AZ and the states around us.



“Butterfly Room”

Shirley Leistikow

Pre-K Teacher/Interim Director



My classroom goal is to provide a safe, loving, Christian influenced environment where the love of Jesus is at the heart of the center and shared with each child and family. Activities in my classroom are planned to meet the developmental needs of the whole child to help him/her be the special, unique person God created him/her to be. I have been teaching here at Peace Lutheran Preschool since 2004. I am blessed to work with the children and families here in this community.