



Meet Miss Kelly

Name: Kelly Van Hook

Position: Three's Room Lead Teacher

Starting Date at Joyful Noise: February 2000

Degree and Experience: Child Development Associates Degree along with Infant/Toddler CDA, and over 20 years of experience working with children. Additional training includes MiAEYC, NAEYC, and Opening Minds conferences, Stewards of Children and conflict resolution trainings, as well as other annual professional development trainings.

A Little About Miss Kelly: Miss Kelly lives in Grand Haven with her husband of over 20 years, Mike, and their three daughters; Marah, Hailee and Kaitlyn, as well as their dog of 13 years, Buddy. Miss Kelly enjoys cooking dinners (with her daughter Marah) for her husband's shift at the Department of Public Safety, taking photos, camping, taking walks, being outdoors, and spending time with her family and friends.

Miss Kelly's Teaching Philosophy: *"I believe God has called me to teach young children and that I am right where God wants me. I love being a part of the Joyful Noise family and cannot picture myself anywhere else. My teaching philosophy includes using daily music, singing, conversations and play to facilitate age-appropriate learning. I also believe that a child's social/emotional well-being and self-worth is very important to their learning capabilities. If children can learn about and understand their emotions and feelings and how to work through things, I feel this will help with their growth and learning. I am looking forward to meeting you and your child, and watching your child grow!"*