

SUSAN TYZZER

Montessori Education:

Sue is certified through the North American Montessori Center with a diploma in Preschool/Kindergarten Montessori education.

Certified Elementary Education Teacher:

Sue is a graduate of Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado with a degree in Elementary Education. She worked as a substitute teacher in the Gunnison REIJ School District for over 20 years grades K-12.

Preschool Teacher Assistant:

Sue has worked at the Paradise Place Christian Preschool since October '08 in the "Doves" program (children 2 ½-3 years old). This program consists of Montessori style work places and projects and has just recently been equipped with true Montessori materials. Sue was the assistant in the classroom and not the lead teacher. She worked with the Montessori philosophy of "facilitation" rather than "teaching".

Outdoor Education:

Sue spent 12 summers working with children in the outdoors. The first program she assisted running was called "Park Play". It was a program financed through the Crested Butte Parks and Recreation department. It was a program for preschool-aged children. The children played games in the park, went on hikes in the woods for special activities, such as yurt building and tree adoptions. They also went swimming and on horseback rides. Sue worked in this program for two years. The program then evolved into a program for school aged children 7-16 called "Kid's Pro Fun Tour". This program was an introduction for children to learn rafting skills, rock climbing, kayak maneuvering and rolling as well as camping skills and swimming. This program was also financed through the Crested Butte Recreation department. Sue was the programs director for 9 of the 10 years that the program existed.

High Trust Educator:

Sue is also a licensed elementary education teacher. She recertified her credentials through the "Excellence In Teaching/High Trust Teacher Center" with creator and founder Dennis McLoughlin. It is based on Trust Psychology. It is a teaching philosophy that is trust-centered and instructs the teacher to "influence students to think and be responsible with respect, trust, joy and Gusto!"

