

## 2015-2016 Introduction Mrs. Anita Bruce Teacher/Administrator

Hello and welcome to the Brooks Preschool. My name is Anita Bruce and I am delighted to be back for my 18th year as Teacher/Administrator and working with your children. I will be teaching Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday classes this year. I am excited to work with our new Child Development Assistant, Chrissy Jackson and Teacher Dawn Friesen for the Tuesday AM class.

Over the past 28 years I have worked with children from Preschool to Junior High age. I am certified with Level Two Certificate in Early Learning and Child Care through Bow Valley College, Life Skills Training from the Alberta Vocational College and First Aid and CPR. I am involved in leadership, policy development, promoting early learning and programming and professional development provision.

I was born and raised in Drumheller, am married to Don and have 4 adult children. We are also proud and active grandparents to 6 grandchildren ages 2 to 9 years old. My community involvement includes Children's and Women's Ministries in the Brooks Evangelical Free Church and an active member of the Brooks/County of Newell Early Childhood Development Coalition. In my free time I enjoy nothing better than to have a coffee with a friend, go for walks with my husband, or spend time with our grandchildren.

I am passionate about early childhood education and firmly believe that we are touching the future when we invest in our children. I carefully plan and provide high quality programming and learning through play, assisting children by facilitating their learning through play experiences. I believe that in order for children to grow and develop to their full potential they need opportunities in all areas of development, social, physical, intellectual, cognitive, and emotional.

It is my ongoing desire to provide an enriching, safe and fun learning environment where each child is valued. I look forward to another wonderful year of building trust and friendships with you and your child. If you have any questions or suggestions that you would like to bring to our school, please do not hesitate to let us know.

'Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.'
- Maria Montessori