

# Dawn Mahan

## Yellow Room Teacher

**At MPPCCC:** since 2003

Has taught in an Elementary School and at the College level.

**Degrees:** BA – Music, BS – Biblical Studies and Theology, BS – Christian Education MST – Elementary Education

**The best part of her job:** teaching new themes, cuddling with children, and working with her co-workers

**Hobbies and Interests:** Reading, composing, quilting, gardening, Facebook and teaching piano lessons

**Favorite Color:** Yellow

**Favorite Food:** Anything Greek, Italian or Mexican

I pray with and for my class and their families every day. I have 5 adopted grandchildren and love spending time with them. I hope to do overseas mission work with children in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country when I retire someday.

# Lori Beckman

## Discovery Teacher

**At MPPCCC:** since 1980

Has taught at MPPCCC her whole teaching career

**Degrees:** Children Development Degree

**The best part of her job:** I learn so much from the children every day.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Auctions, shopping and travel

**Favorite Color:** Red

**Favorite Food:** Pasta

I like to travel mostly by motorcoach.

# Duane Sasse

## Assistant Teacher

**At MPPCCC:** since 2012

Has taught as an Industrial Arts Teacher and has worked in the business world

**Degrees:** BS – Industrial Arts Education/Drivers Education

**The best part of his job:** working with small children

**Hobbies and Interests:** traveling, reading, and watching and attending college and pro sports

**Favorite Color:** green

**Favorite Food:** baked beans

I am a retired male and I find myself working in a mostly female environment. I collect precision tractors and thermometers.

# Karin J. Swenson

## Executive Director

**At MPPCCC:** since 1993

Taught Preschool and has been an Executive Director

**Degrees:** BS- Education with emphasis in Elementary Education, Special Education and Theatre Arts

MS – Counselor Education

**The best part of her job:** is loving and supporting our school family. Preschool is the BEST!

**Hobbies and Interests:** jewelry-making and most arts and crafts, cooking, music and theatre

**Favorite Color:** changes by the day 😊

**Favorite Food:** Pizza

I like to teach the children Sign Language and Spanish. I received my master's degree in counseling because I am very interested in play therapy and filial therapy. I have designed costumes and have an interest in the technical side of theatre productions. I LOVE directing the children's Christmas Program each year.

# Lavonne Sasse

## Red Room Teacher/Head Teacher

At MPPCCC: since 1974

Has taught in an Elementary School and has spent almost all of her teaching career at MPPCCC.

Degrees: BS – Elementary Education, BS – Nursery School Education

The best part of her job: the children and seeing the look on their faces when they accomplish a skill.

Hobbies and Interests: Reading, quilting, and handbell choir

Favorite Color: blue, red, purple

Favorite Food: strawberries, salads and chocolate

I have a bell collection of 200 bells. I also have a teapot collection and an angel collection.

# Stacie Merkel

## Aide/Kitchen Staff

At MPPCCC: since 2004

Has been a nanny for many years.

Degrees: AA Education/Biblical Studies

The best part of her job: playing with the children, especially during recess.

Hobbies and Interests: painting and nature walks

Favorite Color: purple

Favorite Food: seafood

I love to be out in nature. I have a Rhodesian Ridgeback dog named Miley.

Trudy Forsythe

Substitute Teacher/Menu Planner/Shopper

Cassandra Hardt

Blue Room Teacher

Kris Wittenberg

Aide/Kitchen Staff