

**Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool**  
**Panda Class Teacher, Judy Barmann**  
**Panda Classroom Goals**

1. I want our classroom to be a place of exploration, discoveries, happiness, accomplishments, problem solving, growth, and self-discipline.
2. I want to hear questions, guesses, stories, laughter, good manners, developing language skills and lots of encouragement.
3. I want our children to love school, and:
  - To be active curious learners
  - To develop confidence in their abilities
  - To learn to manage their emotions in a positive and constructive way
  - To have the opportunity to use a wide variety of art media, encouraging creativity
  - To experience group activities promoting cooperation and respect
  - To develop large motor coordination through active play
  - To develop small muscle control through the use of play dough, paint brushes and manipulatives
  - To develop cognitive skills of sorting ,matching, sequencing, planning, problem solving as well as recognition of colors, shapes, patterns, letters, numbers and names
  - To appreciate nature and respect our environment
  - To gain a sense of time passage and measurement through calendar and clock practice as well as estimation and task completion

Our activities center around general themes usually related to nature, seasons, a favorite story book, a science concept or an area of interest such as oceans, cowboys or castles. Our activities are child centered; usually process oriented as opposed to product oriented and is sometimes messy. I encourage creativity with art materials and the use of imagination through oral language and dramatic play.

We read everyday, take occasional field trips, welcome special guests into our room and get outside as often as temperatures permit. Some field trips in the past have included an airport, a horse barn, a high school band, a veterinarian office, and hiking trails.

In the classroom some edible areas we work in are berries, apples, pumpkins, and ice cream. Science topics have included mammals, skeletons, fossils, ladybugs and volcanoes. We make quilts, castles dinosaurs and musical instruments. We have special days like pajama day, beach day, camp day and circus day. We have fun and learn a lot. We laugh a lot. We play a lot. We love a lot. I can not imagine a better way to be in the world.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions or comments.