

# Sheridan Adventist a wholesome alternative to public school system

## Smaller classes allow more one-on-one

Set in the country, Sheridan Adventist Elementary School, which teaches grades one through eight, provides a special opportunity for students to get one-on-one attention to help them learn.

The NCPA-accredited elementary school, located a little south of Sheridan, Ill., is affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is open to the public. The school is affordable and financial aid is available. The Adventist school system is the largest unified kindergarten to university level Protestant school system in the United States.

The school is designed to offer students academic, social and physical growth within a spiritual context. The Bible is taught as the basis of life and students are encouraged to build their relationship with God and others.

The teacher, Laura Damon, who is in her 25th year of teaching, is able to build a relationship with each student and work with their individual learning styles to help them achieve their potential. The Iowa Assessment Test Scores, which are aligned with the Common Core, show that Sheridan Adventist School scored among the highest in its group. The low student-to-teacher-ratio, an excellent staff and mission, are credited for the success.

The small population in the classroom creates almost a family



Mrs. Laura Damon works with one of her students at Sheridan Adventist Elementary School. Damon has more than 25 years teaching experience.

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### SHERIDAN ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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atmosphere, Damon said. There's no bullying and each student is supportive of one another, especially the older students who pitch in and help the younger ones with their lessons. The school provides a safe, nurturing environment for each individual student.

Since technology is such an important part of our lives, Alice Weakley, the pastor's wife, teaches a

special computer skills class each week.

Sheridan Adventist School stresses community service. When the Sheridan community flooded, students helped the American Red Cross pass out bottled water and lunches. Other community service activities have included helping make Thanksgiving food baskets and highway cleanup projects.

Sheridan Adventist School is able to provide students with the attention they need and a Christian foundation to carry into their adults lives, making it an excellent, wholesome alternative to public schools.

"It's a really good environment for kids and it's open to anybody," Weakley said. "Our students emerge as excellent people. It's just a great place for them to be."

Call 815-830-3308 to find out more about the school or go to [sheridanacademics.org](http://sheridanacademics.org) for more information. Check them out on Facebook as well at [www.Facebook.com/SheridanAcademics](http://www.Facebook.com/SheridanAcademics).

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