

Jacki Vincent

Years at Our School: 10 years

Title: Preschool 4's Teacher

Education: BA in Early Childhood Education/Special Education from Salve Regina University

Experience: 2000 – Present – The World Schools Preschool 4's Teacher

1999–2000 – VNA Childcare Center – Preschool 4's / Kindergarten Teacher

Committees: Fellowship

Yearbook

Playground

Personal: Jacki resides in Nashua with her cat, Sky. She is Red Sox fan, enjoys traveling and scrapbooking her journeys. She spends time with friends in New Jersey when she has spare time.

Educational Philosophy: I believe that each child is a unique individual who needs a secure, caring, and stimulating atmosphere in which to grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially. It is my desire as a teacher to help students meet their fullest potential in these areas by providing an environment that is safe, open and supportive. I believe that there are certain elements that should be addressed to create this type of environment.

The teacher's role should be to guide children by providing access to information rather than acting as the primary source of information, the children's search for knowledge is met as they learn to find answers to questions. Providing children access to hands-on activities and allowing time to use materials creates an opportunity for discovery and learning to occur.

I also believe that to have a good environment children should have the opportunity to learn things that are meaningful and relevant to their own interests. Developing a curriculum around children's interests fosters motivation and broadens the passion to learn.

Teaching is a lifelong process in which you learn something new each day. I learn from different strategies, from parents, the community, co-workers, and especially the children. The way we teach and interact at school has a positive impact on the life of a child. Children become curious, well rounded learners and are able to make independent choices and act responsibly.