

# About The Teacher In the Preschool Classroom



#### Jennifer Shoemaker:

Jennifer has been a Preschool Teacher at ImagiNation Learning Center since 2005. Prior to working at our Center, Jennifer experienced another child care setting for 3 years. When first arriving at ImagiNation Learning Center, Jennifer started as the Assistant Preschool Teacher and was later promoted to a Co-Lead teacher. Jennifer loves creating literacy and language activities with the children. Jennifer also supports the Center with administrative tasks. She currently resides in Fairfax and has lived in the area for over 25 years. "My time here at ILC has helped me grow professionally as a teacher I feel that my role as a Preschool Teacher creates a strong foundation for my student's future. I enjoy the bond that I share with my co-workers. We are more than a team, we are a family."

## Maria Orantes:

Maria has been with ImagiNation Learning Center for since 2006. She worked in several lead positions in the Toddler and Twos programs. After being a wonderful contribution to the Two's classroom for 3 years, Maria became the Co-Lead teacher in the Preschool room. In 2010, Maria acquired a new role as a Manager in Training and provides support and leadership to the Center in the absence of the Director or Assistant Director. Maria loves building and maintaining family relationships, and has implemented a Spanish Curriculum in the Preschool classroom. "I enjoy being a part of the ILC family. I love watching the children apply the new knowledge that I share with them in my everyday teachings. As a preschool teacher, I am paving a road to success for my class."

#### <u>Danitza Leonardo:</u>

Danitza has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since 2009. For the first year, she worked as the Assistant Teacher in the Twos Room and is now assisting the teachers in the Preschool Room. Prior to working for ImagiNation Learning Center, Danitza worked in child care for 5 years. Danitza currently resides in Chantilly, and has one daughter. Danitza does a wonderful job implementing Spanish in the Preschool curriculum. "I enjoy children in general. However, my preschool children make me laugh their many silly stories they tell."

# **Additional Support Staff and Floaters**

# Sandra Magallanes:

Sandra has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since January of 2011. Prior to working at our Center, she was a Nanny for 4 years. This is her first time in a child care setting, but has excelled as an Assistant in all our classrooms. In Peru, Sandra was an Assistant Teacher for 3 years after studying for an Assistant Teacher Certificate. She also took courses in the field of Hospitality. Sandra is a great asset to our company because of her great flexibility and caring personality, always ready to support any classroom at any time. "I love working with children; every day I learn new things from them, what a great experience!"

## **Diana Landi-Flores:**

Diana is our newest addition here at ImagiNation Learning Center and started in July of 2011. Prior to working at ImagiNation Learning Center, she worked in home daycares for 8 years. Diana immigrated to America from Peru, where she worked as a bank teller. She currently resides in Herndon, is married, and has two sons. "Working at ILC is an exciting experience for me. I love seeing our children grow and learn!"