



## **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 three 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. She 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."

### Samika Roy:

Samika has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since 2006 working both in the twos and preschool classrooms. In March of 2010, she was promoted as the two's lead teacher. As of August 2013, Samika returned to the preschool classroom as a co-lead with Miss Jennifer and is so excited to be working with this new team. Prior to working for ImagiNation Learning Center, Samika worked in the child care field for three years and attended Alleghany Community College for 2 years. Samika currently resides in Woodbridge and is very close to her family. "I love how we consistently capture the moments of the children's day through the lens of a camera, so we can share them later with their parents."

### Danitza Leonardo:

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 classroom. Prior to working for ImagiNation Learning Center, Danitza worked in child care for five 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 with their many silly stories they tell."

### **Additional Support Staff and Floaters**

#### Wendy Flores

Wendy joined the ImagiNation Learning Center team in March of 2012. She is a part time floater who assist in all classrooms. She currently attends NOVA and is working towards obtaining her Nursing degree. You will most likely see Wendy in the evening as she is one of our closing staff members. She loves getting to spend time with all the age groups. "I love being able to work with all staff members and children."

#### Sandra Magallanes:

Sandra has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since 2011. Prior to working at our Center, she was a Nanny for four years. Although this is her first time in a child care setting, she has excelled as an assistant in all our classrooms. In Peru, Sandra was an assistant teacher for three 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!"

#### Rebecca Kerns:

Rebecca started in 2010 as a college seasonal substitute and graduated from Radford University in December 2012 with her degree in Psychology. In 2012, she joined the ILC team as a full time floating teacher. Rebecca loves being able to spend time with each of the different age groups. "I love to see how they develop and grow so quickly in each classroom."