

In the Hippos, you will see...

Sandra Banchini

Miss Sandra began working at ImagiNation Learning Center in July 2008. Prior to working here, Sandra took care of children in her home. In 2001, Miss Sandra came to the United States from Peru. She has worked with children since 1990 and has had many positions. While in Peru, she was a teacher, had her own child care center and worked with children ages two to five in an early intervention program in poorer areas of the country. She also taught adult literacy while in Peru. Miss Sandra is currently a full time co-teacher in our younger toddler classroom. "I love working with children because of their curiosity and sense of humor. I learn so much from them each day and working with them to me is a dream. I am so happy at ImagiNation Learning Center."

Lupe Orantes

Miss Lupe began working with ImagiNation Learning Center in January of 2013. She began as a substitute, became a full-time floater shortly after, and has now been assigned to work permanently in our younger toddler classroom. Miss Lupe was born in El Salvador. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Design and has taken a variety of classes in other areas while in El Salvador. Miss Lupe enjoys her time with the children and "loves watching the children do crafts and enjoys discovering what they enjoy most!"



Other teachers in our Center...

Lucy Alibaruho

Miss Lucy has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since February 2006. Prior to working here, Lucy taught Pre-K at Mulberry Preschool & Childcare in Ashburn. She has also worked as a teacher at Dulles South/Loudoun County Childcare and Preschool for nine years. Before working as a teacher, Miss Lucy worked as a nurse aide with a medical team in Reston. Lucy has her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from George Mason University and she has taken classes in Childhood Education at NVCC. Lucy loves working with children. She loves and appreciates their innocence and curiosity. "I especially love to watch their little faces light up when they figure out a problem on their own. I also appreciate the teamwork at ImagiNation Learning Center!"

Consolata Bull

Miss Consolata joined the ImagiNation Learning Center team in May of 2013. She began working as a floater and is now working as the infant coordinator. Miss Consolata is a native of Tanzania and immigrated to the US in 2006. While living in Tanzania, she worked as a Research Director for Population Services International and also as a program coordinator and consultant for family Association and Community Concern of Orphans and Development Association. Miss Consolata has worked as a teacher in child care centers as well as elementary and high schools. She has also held a position as an Assistant Director.

In the US, Miss Consolata worked for Micron Technology and has also run a home child care center. She has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences and Education from the University of Dar-Es-Salaam Tanzania and a Masters of Arts in Population Studies and Research from the University of Exeter, England, UK. Miss Consolata lives in Nokesville. She is married and has four children. "Life is not complete without children around me. I believe children deserve the best in everything and I am always ready to go an extra mile to protect and make children happy!"

Ursula Caceras

Miss Ursula began working at ImagiNation Learning Center in March of 2011. In 2004, Ursula moved from Peru to the United States. While in Peru, Miss Ursula worked as a preschool teacher with two and three year old children. She has also worked as an Assistant Manager for an international beauty products company. Since her move to the United States, she worked for a company that printed and produced Spanish newspapers before deciding to return to teaching. Miss Ursula began her career with ImagiNation Learning Center as a substitute and then quickly became a part time teacher. She is currently a full time teacher in our three year old classroom who loves to share her knowledge of the Spanish language with children. Miss Ursula is married, has one wonderful son and an amazing daughter. "I'm really happy to be a part of the ImagiNation family. I enjoy learning new things everyday and am happy that while I show children my respect and understanding, I get the same in return."

Bich Dinh

Miss Bich began her career at ImagiNation Learning Center in June of 2007. She moved from Vietnam to Virginia in 2005 and since has attended many early childhood education trainings. At the beginning of Bich's employment with ImagiNation Learning Center, she worked in our preschool classroom and has since spent all of her time teaching and taking care of our youngest babies! Miss Bich is single and enjoys spending time with her family! "Working with little babies and watching them grow each day has made me very happy! The children love me very much and I love them all too! I really enjoy working with children!"

Janice Grimm

Miss Janice joined the team at ImagiNation Learning Center in 2009. With a Bachelors Degree from St. John's University in New York and several years of business experience, she decided it was time to "make a change" and begin a new career in Education. Focusing on her communication skills, artistic abilities and experience as a mother, she adapted quickly to a position as a co-teacher with the three year olds. This was a very rewarding start and soon she changed her focus as she became a teacher with the four year old classes. Miss Janice continues to create a rich educational experience for our children as they truly "play to learn" on a daily basis but challenges the oldest children in our center as she is currently the Kindergarten teacher. At home, Miss Janice enjoys her family life with her husband Jeff and her 10 year old daughter, Lauren. During her spare time, she usually likes to read, participates in community events and enjoys the care and companionship of her two poodles. "My experience at ILC has been a challenging and inspiring opportunity to achieve professional growth. The more I give to the children the more I receive in return. It's a win-win for all of us!"

Tammy Harrison

Miss Tammy started working with ImagiNation Learning Center in September of 2012. She began as a floater and became a co-lead teacher in the 2 year old class in February 2013. Miss Tammy

moved to Virginia from Florida in 2011. She enjoys being outdoors and spending time with family. She loves to hike and take nature photographs with her daughter. "Seeing the look of amazement on a child's face when they realize they have learned something new and exciting is priceless! Teaching is the most rewarding job there is!"

Monica Kimaro

Monica joined ImagiNation Learning Center in March 2011. Prior to working at ImagiNation Learning Center, Monica helped in a Christian child care centers on Sundays for many years. Along with that experience, she worked in home child care settings for two years. Monica immigrated to America from Tanzania where she worked as a Researcher. She holds a Bachelors Degree and is currently in the final year of her Master/Graduate Degree. Monica is working as a full time floater, being a valuable asset in all of our classrooms. Monica has a son and a daughter who bring great joy to her life. "Working at ImagiNation Learning Center is a great opportunity for me. I love kids and am happy to see my own son growing in this community of love and care!"

Leontine Olson

Miss Léontine Olson began working at Imagination Learning Center in 1995 and works part time substitute hours and enjoys working with children of all ages. Miss Léontine Olson is a Post graduate teacher with training and experience in both French Language and ESOL. Her teaching experience ranges from Pre-K through high school. Her cultural background is Cameroon, French Africa. She brings a unique perspective to the field of international teaching as she speaks French as her national/official language and has a personal connection to teaching ESOL as she was also an ESOL student.

Miss. Léontine Olson's professional qualifications and educational background include a BA and an MA in French with an ESOL endorsement. She studied at George Mason University, Québec, Canada, and at Ex en Province, Marseilles, in the south of France. She holds both French and ESOL PreK-12 licenses. She has taught French and French Literature in several places around the Washington Metropolitan area and is presently a French Teacher in Prince William County Public Schools. In addition to her teaching career, she substitutes at Imagination Learning Center after school during the school year and works full - time during the summer. Miss. Léontine has four children who graduated from Chantilly High School. During her spare time, Miss. Léontine enjoys traveling, sewing, cooking and reading. "I love working in an Educational setting helping students of all ages to learn and enjoy working with children and their families every day!"

Blanca Paucar

Miss Blanca began working at ImagiNation Learning Center in February of 2011. Miss Blanca comes to ILC from Peru where she studies Early Childhood Education and Business Management. Before coming to the United States in 2009, she worked with children ages two to four for several years. Miss Blanca is married and has one daughter. She currently lives with her family in Manassas and loves to spend time with her family doing outdoor activities, reading, painting, drawing and running! "My wish is to make children happy every day. I love ImagiNation Learning Center and its children!"

Ana Paz

Miss Ana began working with ImagiNation Learning Center in 2003. Prior to working at our company, she worked in several area restaurants. In 1984, Miss Ana moved from El Salvador to the United States with her husband. Miss Ana currently lives in Manassas and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. Miss Ana has worked as a part time afternoon floater, and is currently working in all of our classrooms as a full time floater. "I love playing with the children and hearing them learn new words! Playing with the children here makes me very happy!"

Jeet Rahi

Miss Jeet has been with ImagiNation Learning Center since 2008. When Jeet began working for us, she was teaching in the toddler classroom. Soon after, she became a co-lead teacher in the preschool classroom. Jeet currently resides in Stone Ridge, Virginia, is married and has two wonderful boys! Jeet enjoys doing art with the children in an educational way and watching them learn new things each day! "I love being a part of the ILC family. ILC has helped me grow professionally. I enjoy being a part of the preschool team and I believe that my role as a preschool teacher is to create a strong learning environment for children!"

Maureen Randolph

Miss Maureen began her career with ImagiNation Learning Center in 1996. She has an Associate Degree in Recreation and Parks from NVCC. Before coming to ImagiNation Learning Center, Maureen worked as a seasonal park ranger, a lifeguard and has also held positions at Bull Run Park, Meadowlark Park and Herndon Community Center. Maureen has held a variety of positions to include part-time floater, part-time teacher and two year old lead teacher. After marrying her husband and having her first child, Maureen became a dedicated substitute which allowed her to have more time with her family. In 2008, Maureen returned as a full time co-teacher and is currently working with our toddlers. "I enjoy working with the toddlers, they are eager to learn and try new things! While working as a toddler teacher I have learned to appreciate everyday as it is a new experience for all of us!"

Baljit Saini

Miss Baljit began her career at ImagiNation Learning Center in May 2013. She recently moved from India and now resides in Ashburn with her family. Miss Baljit has a Bachelor's degree in Arts Stream and has completed Microsoft Certified System Engineer from GNIT in India. Miss Baljit has worked as a preschool teacher in India with children ages four and five years old. She is currently a full time floater gaining experience with children of all ages. "I love being a part of ILC, watching the children learn new things and spending time with them!"

Gita Sigdel

Miss Gita began her career at ImagiNation Learning Center in August 2012. She moved from Nepal to Virginia in 2010 where she worked in child care for eight years with children ages four and five years. At the beginning of Gita's employment with ImagiNation Learning Center, she worked as a floater spending time in all of our classrooms and has since spent all of her time teaching and taking care of our toddlers! Miss Gita is married and has two children whom she completely enjoys! "I love to sing and create happy places for children. Their smiles make my day and I can't imagine a day without them!"

Jennifer Trynock

Jennifer Trynock started working at ImagiNation Learning Center in May of 1997. She began as an afternoon floater and within a year, she accepted the job as the lead teacher in the three year old class. She's a graduate from Chantilly High School and acquired her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education while attending Northern Virginia Community College in Manassas, VA. She is married, has three sons and has lived in Virginia all of her life. "I enjoy creative thinking activities with the children and watching how language as well as art skills can be demonstrated."

Eloisa Wilson

Miss Eloisa has been part of the ImagiNation Learning Center team since 2000. She began her career in the infant room and is currently working with our toddlers. Miss Eloisa was born in Panama and came to the United States in 1984 after marrying her husband. She enjoys family time with her four wonderful sons and adorable grandchildren as well as watching Redskins football. "I enjoy seeing the beautiful faces and the wonderful smiles on the children's faces each day. I love helping them learn and watching the children develop into mature youngsters."