



MEET THE
CLINICAL INTERNS
(STUDENT TEACHERS)

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SARAH BLANCHARD



Blairstown Elementary School, Blairstown, NJ



I am professionally motivated by creating meaningful, well-designed work that supports growth, inclusion, and real impact on others. I thrive when my creativity and structure align with my values and help people feel seen, supported, and empowered.



I love to be organized & plan ahead for things. I also have my own business where I create customized gifts (banners, plates, etc.)



Emily Boniface



Mansfield Township Elementary School, Port Murray, NJ



When I was younger, I didn't always have strong teachers, and I know how much that can impact a student's confidence and love for learning. I hope to be the kind of teacher who makes every student feel supported, capable, and inspired, leaving a lasting positive impact on my future students.



Some fun facts about me are that I love the gym, going to concerts, going to the beach, spending time with family, and watching the Yankees.



Jess Catanzaro



Greenwich Elementary School, Stewartsville, NJ

1st Grade



I am motivated by the connections I form with the children I work with, the moment a child finally understands something they've been struggling with, and the impact that I can make on my students' lives.



I worked in a daycare for 2 ½ years with kids ages 6 months-5 years old ~ I was a dancer for 10 years and I now teach dance at my same studio ~ I would love to teach anywhere from Kindergarten-3rd grade.



Claudia Cordero



Whiton Elementary, Neshanic Station, NJ



My two younger sisters inspired me to become a teacher! What motivates me professionally is to form connections with students while creating a safe and inclusive classroom to learn.



A few of my favorite things to do is travel and try new things such as places to eat and activities.



Karalyn (Kara) Cornell



Stony Brook School, Branchburg, NJ



What motivates me professionally are my students and my professors.



I have two dogs, I love to travel, listen to music, and hang out with my family, friends and boyfriend.



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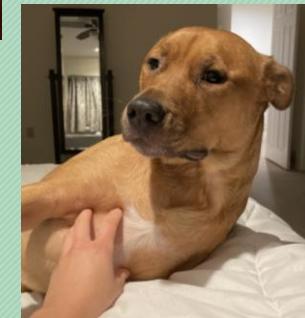
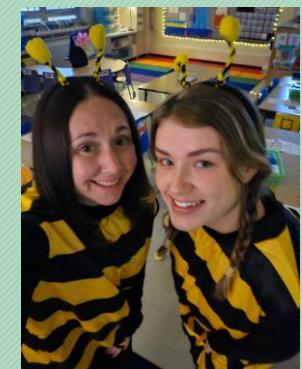
Francis A. Desmarest School (Kindergarten)—Flemington, NJ



I am driven by the opportunity to create a safe, engaging classroom where every student feels supported, valued, and excited to learn.



I love spending time with my family, boyfriend and friends, playing with my dog, watching movies, and exercising. Fitness is a huge part of my life. I would absolutely love to teach kindergarten, and I will be obtaining my P-3 degree after this semester.



Heather Doherty



3rd Grade Student Teacher at North Dover Elementary, Dover, NJ



I always strive to do my best for students, and create positive change in their lives



I work as an Environmental Education Coordinator at L. G. Cook 4-H Camp



Nora Dornich



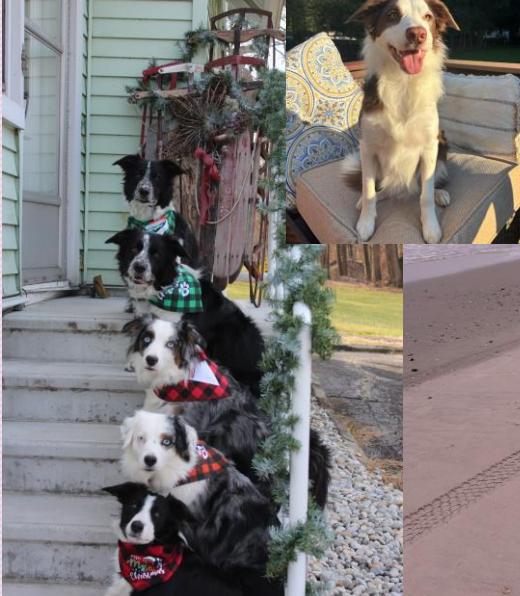
Valley Road School - Stanhope, NJ



What motivates me professionally is making connections with the students and learning about their interests. I believe this creates a positive learning environment where students are more eager to learn



I am an English educator major and I would like to teach 7&8th grade! I love the beach and my hobbies consist of golfing with my boyfriend and hanging out with my 6 dogs! I also am apart of the women's lacrosse team.



Anthony Fraser



Hackettstown High School, NJ

11-12th grade History



I am professionally motivated through my conveying and spreading my love of history to my students. Also, students breaking out of their shells and engaging in historical content which they find interesting motivates me.



I am deeply interested in history as I believe in the saying that History does not repeat, it rhymes. I play Baseball at Centenary going into my final season and look to coach where I end up in the education world.



Nicole Gyeski



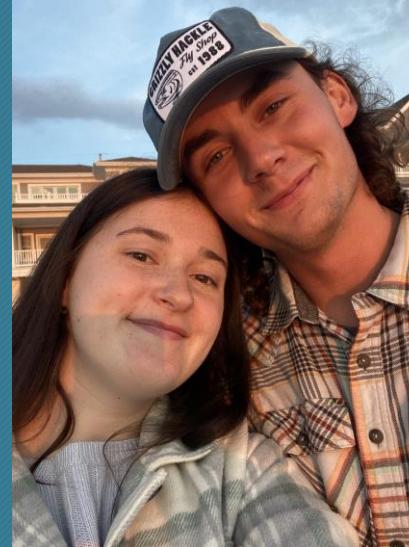
La Monte Elementary School, Bound Brook, New Jersey



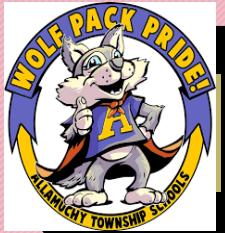
Knowing I can make a positive impact on young minds in a fun and creative way.



Some fun facts about me are that I love to cook and bake. I love trying new foods and different restaurants. I have been to Ontario, Anaheim, Miami, Yellowstone, Washington D.C, Nashville, and San Antonio.



Trista Hough



Mountain Villa School, Allamuchy (Grade 2)



What motivates me to becoming a teacher is creating a safe place for my future students.



I have 20 goats, and two dogs. My hobby is hanging out with my boyfriend and family. I am also on the women's lacrosse team.

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Karlie Kaiser



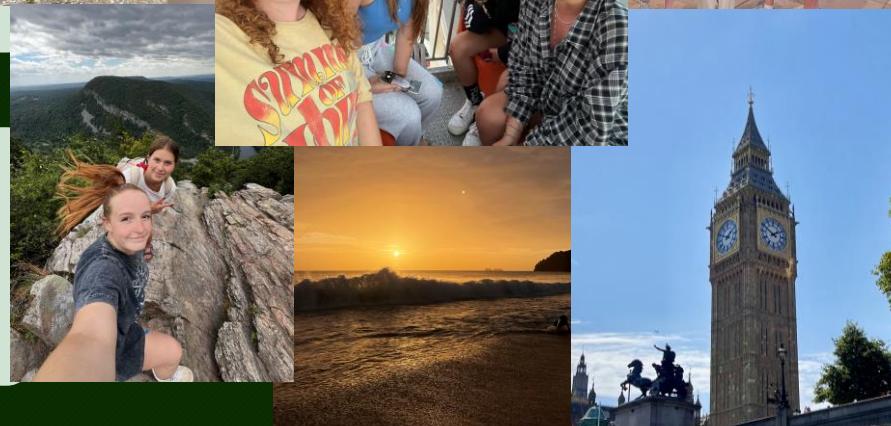
Bryan Lakes Elementary (preschool)



I am motivated by the relationships I build with the students I work with, and taking the time to understand the not so average child and finding out the why for their actions



I am a P-3 major with a dual in special education and would love to teach in an inclusive preschool setting! I love to go camping, hiking, snowboarding, spending time with my boyfriend, friends and family, I am on the women's soccer team, and love to travel!



Pamela Mejia



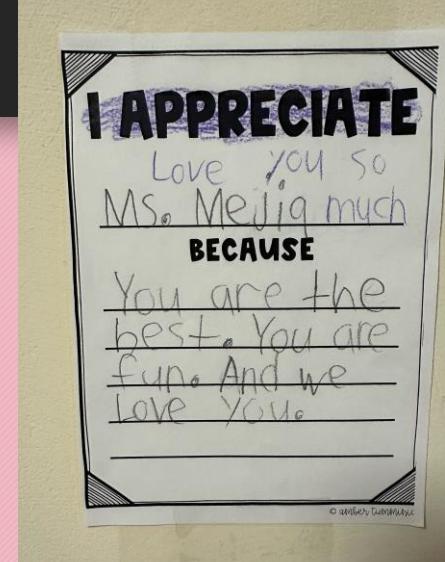
Great Meadows Central Elementary, Warren County



I'm motivated by the opportunity to support and guide my students both academically and socially. I look forward to building strong relationships with my students and helping them develop a love for learning



A fun fact about me is that I have six dogs! I've also played volleyball for six years, and I hope to one day teach and coach the sport as well. Lastly, I love sushi.



Jennifer Monteiro



Readington Middle School - Readington TWP, NJ

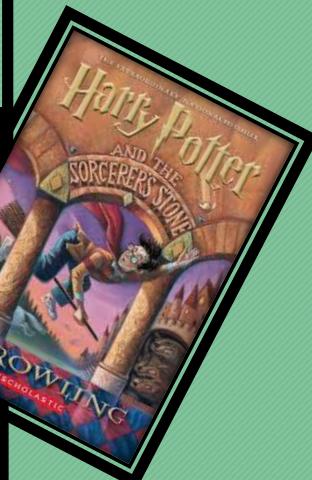
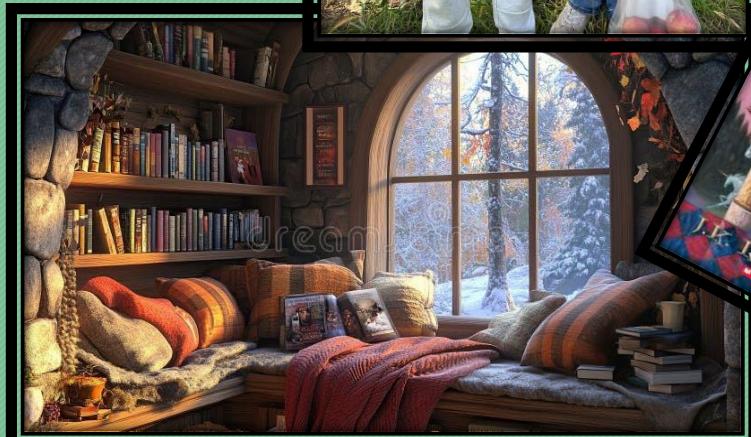
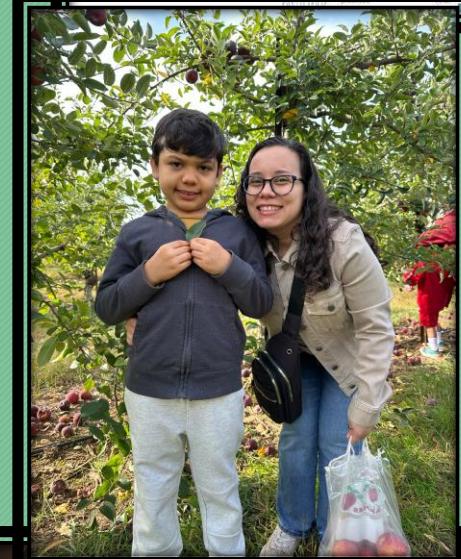


I am a proud mother of a beautiful 8 year-old boy. My favorite subjects are Science and Language Arts. My favorite hobbies are reading a good book and spending time with my family.



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Teaching has been a childhood dream of mine. Since my son was diagnosed with ASD, I have focused on learning as much as I can about Autism and Special Education. My primary goal is to create an inclusive classroom and advocate for all learners, no matter their disability.



Brianna Moreno

Tewksbury Elementary School- Hackettstown, New Jersey Kindergarten

Getting to know the young minds and how they think and process information

I have a three-year-old dog named Ace, and he is a Golden Doodle. I enjoy going to the beach.



Arianna Morillo



Phillipsburg High School, Phillipsburg, NJ

My professional motivation comes from my desire to make a meaningful difference in students' lives. I'm driven by the opportunity to support growth, encourage critical thinking, and foster inclusive learning spaces.



A few fun facts about me are I am originally from NYC, I have a pit/lab puppy, and I'm a first generation college student.

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Sarah Moschella



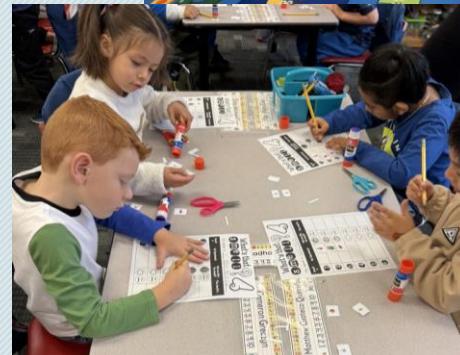
Robert Hunter Elementary School Flemington, NJ



Something that motivates me professionally is a growth mindset. Teachers and students alike come to school everyday to gain and retain new concepts, ideas, and routines. As the teacher, promoting a growth mindset to young learners will help them in their careers as students.



I have been working in education for 4 years! My heart is with Pre-K, Kindergarten, and special education as a career. Everyday, a student enters with a smile and leaves with a head full of knowledge and somehow, they still have so much energy! Aside from education I also work at Bath & Body Works which is my escape from reality sometimes. I am also a manager which means I have learned so many skills that will help me in the classroom! When I'm not involved with school or work, I like to for walks, go to the gym, and hang out with my boyfriend as well as my family!



Alaina Okun

Stewartsville Middle School, Stewartsville, NJ

Something that motivates me professionally is the desire I have to want to be the safe person for students that I had when I was their age. When I was in middle school, I was the victim of a lot of bullying and the only reason I still loved school was because I had amazing teachers. The concept that I could be that for someone gets me out of bed before the sun as a night owl.

A few things that I like to do are write, read, and cook. A goal I have for 2026, besides graduating in May, is finishing one of the books I'm writing. I've also grown to enjoy fishing, thanks to my boyfriend who's obsessed with it.



Samantha Parlato



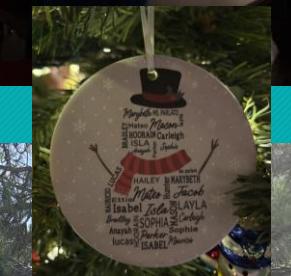
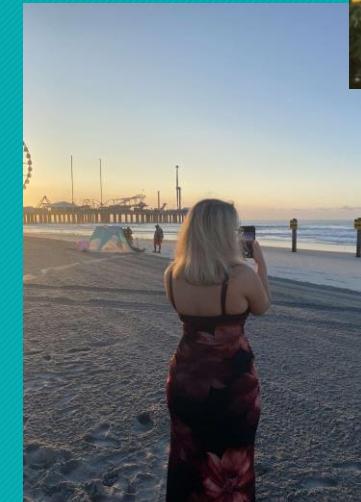
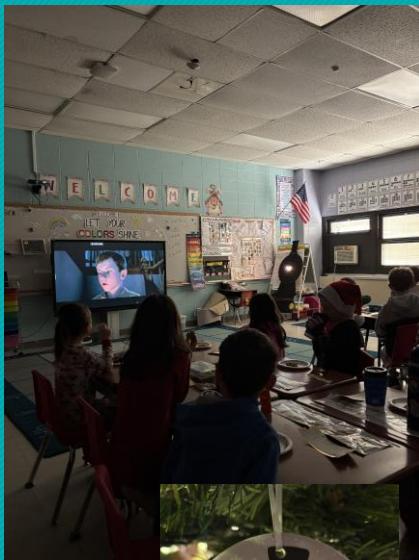
Patrick McGaheran School, Lebanon, 1st Grade



I had so many amazing teachers in elementary school, they inspired me to be just like them and to create a safe, fun, loving, and inclusive environment for students to learn and be themselves.



I have been learning Italian for about a year in hopes that one day I can go to Italy and teach children English! (My last name actually means "spoken" in the Italian language!)



Madison Paseler



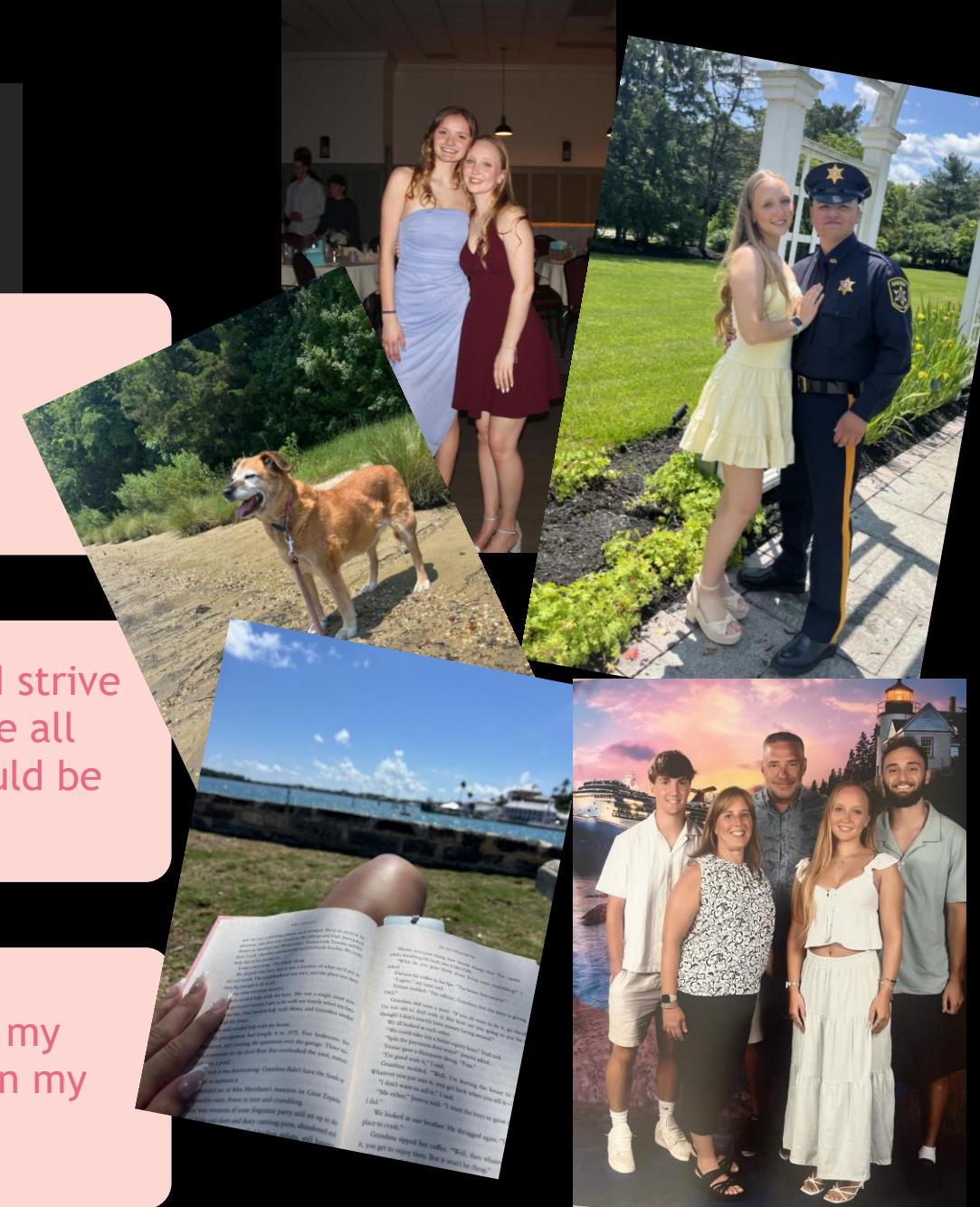
Hope Township School District
Warren County



Growing up I always felt left out by my teachers. I strive to create a community within my classroom. Where all students feel accepted and loved. All children should be given the chance to thrive and enjoy school.



Some fun facts about me is I love to hang out with my family, friends, and boyfriend. I also love reading in my spare time.



Jillian Pullis



Preschool Teacher for the Vernon Township School District



As a preschool teacher, I have the opportunity to set the foundation for how children view school by creating an environment that is safe, supportive, and encourages positive learning experiences.



I am married with two cats. My husband and I coach the varsity girls soccer team at High Point High School. Being an aunt is one of my favorite things in the world!



Lexi Schumacher

Willow Grove Elementary School - Hackettstown, NJ
2nd Grade

Growing up with a learning disability and an invisible illness, I often felt misunderstood and unseen. That experience taught me how powerful it is when a child feels truly seen. My goal is to help every child feel valued—not just for their work, but for who they are at their core.

I have a certified emotional support bunny named Mr. Appa, and my dream is to integrate him into my classroom as a support bunny!

P.S. I named him Appa after the gentle flying bison from Avatar: The Last Airbender. He became my little guardian after the tragic loss of my Opa, carrying me through that grief with his quiet, comforting presence.



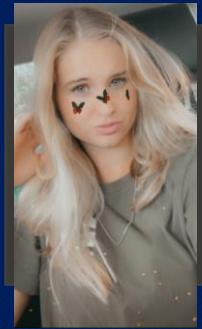
Jessica Smith



Valley View Elementary School in Califon.



When I was younger, I actually wanted to be a cop because I wanted to help people. After having some really bad teachers who called me stupid and said that I wouldn't go to college, I decided to become a teacher.



I love to read and write. Fun fact I used to hate reading and writing. I played soccer for the centenary Soccer team and now I bowl with my boyfriend and my coach (Dad). I own a husky and 6 bunnies. I have 2 brothers which we used to be close but not any more now that were older and moved apart.



Sydney Smith



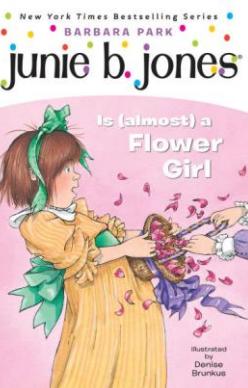
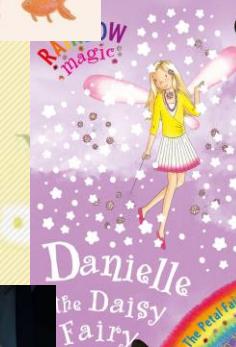
Tewksbury Elementary School, Califon,
New Jersey (1st grade)



One of my goals for the future is to become certified in ASL and maybe eventually become an ASL teacher.



My favorite books to read as a kid were the Junie B. Jones, Rainbow Fairy, and The Babysitters Club series!



Jasmin Walker



Jefferson Elementary School, Roxbury, NJ



I have worked in the Early Childhood Field for 10 years and love working in the Kindergarten classroom now. I am motivated by knowing that I lay important milestones for my students along their educational journey as I have found that these early years strongly shape how children view themselves as learners. I believe in building trusting relationships and providing a safe learning environment that help young learners feel valued and confident.



I was born in Germany, I'm married and have two children and a dog. In my spare time I love spending time with my family and friends, traveling, cooking, baking, and exercising.



Emily Weed



Clinton Public School - Clinton, NJ (Kindergarten)



Teaching has always been my passion, inspired by my mom, who taught 1st grade for 10 years. As cliché as it sounds, I also had a 5th grade teacher who made a lasting impact on me, and I hope to do the same for my future students.



I love spending time with my family and my wonderful boyfriend. I have 3 siblings and a precious 9 month old nephew, Henry, named after my late father. I also love to read and go to the gym. Most importantly, I have absolutely fallen in love with teaching Kindergarten!

