

# Meet the Teacher

# Starlin Abraham



## About Me:

Hi Everyone!

I'm Starlin, your new STEAM teacher. I live in McKinney with my husband Abraham and our two children, James and Kaitlyn. I love meeting new people and travelling to new places. I have a passion for music and enjoy singing in the choir. Looking forward to meet you and have an amazing year of fun and learning!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Doritos (Red or Blue)  
Candy: Hershey Kisses
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip or Anything Crumbl
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Red Velvet

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Latte  
Cold Drink: Coke  
Starbucks Drink Order: Caramel Frappuccino with Oat Milk  
Sonic Drink: Strawberry Milkshake

## Personal Information:



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February 24

First Initial: S - Middle Initial: - - Last Initial: A

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Roses
- Colors: Red and Green
- Store: Target
- Guilty Pleasure: Chocolate Brownies/Cake
- Classroom Items: Anything Science or Cool Experiments

# Meet the Teacher

## Lauren Bickerstaff



### About Me:

Hi I am Mrs. Bickerstaff!

This is my first year at CRCDS teaching pre-k and love it! I have three kids Bryson is 10, Emery is 8, and Trace is 3. I've been married to my high school sweetheart for 11 years and we live in Plano and attend church here. Ready for a fun year with your kiddos

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Kettle Corn
- Candy: Gummy Bears
- Cookie: Sugar
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Lemon/ Raspberry

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: N/A

Cold Drink: Diet Coke

Starbucks Drink Order: N/A

Sonic Drink: Mango Slush

### Personal Information:



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April 24

First Initial: L - Middle Initial: J - Last Initial: B

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Tulips
- Colors: Pink and Blue
- Store: Target
- Guilty Pleasure: Snickers
- Classroom Items: Stickers

# Meet the Teacher

# Heather Blachly



## About Me:

Hello! My name is Heather Blachly and I will be teaching with Ms. Steffen in the MWF class. This is my 4th year at CRCDS! My husband Josh and I have two children, Joseph who is 16, and Alaina who is 13. I love to read, cook, craft, and spend time outside in the sun and fresh air. I value the parent-teacher relationship very much, so please reach out at any time. I am looking forward to a very special and fun preschool year!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Salty/Cheesy: chips, cheez-its, popcorn.
- Candy: Peanut Butter M&Ms
- Cookie: Anything fudgy or chocolate
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: White Chocolate Raspberry, Chocolate, or Lemon.

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Chai Tea Latte  
Cold Drink: Dr. Pepper  
Starbucks Drink Order: Chai Tea Latte  
Sonic Drink: Vanilla Dr. Pepper

## Personal Information:



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October 3rd

First Initial: H - Middle Initial: O - Last Initial: B

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Any
- Colors: Blues/Greens
- Store: Target, Amazon, Home Depot
- Guilty Pleasure: Shopping, Chocolate
- Classroom Items: Books

# Meet the Teacher

## Danielle Burkhead

### About Me:



Hi! My name is Danielle Burkhead and this is my second year at CRCDS. My husband and I both grew up here in Plano. We have a 4 year old boy and a 6 year old boy who also attended CRCDS. I attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a degree in Communications.

My family and I have a dog named Sadie and we love sports, traveling, going on outside adventures, and spending time together. We go to church at Citizens Church in Plano and I've been a Christian since I was very young. I'm so blessed to work here and I look forward to this year!

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Popcorn, Dried Fruit, Nuts
- Candy: Chocolate Covered Almonds, Jolly Ranchers, Reeses
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip and Snickerdoodle
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Any!

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Coffee (black with almond, oat, or soy milk), Latte, Green Tea, Chai Tea  
 Cold Drink: Cold Brew, Tea, Almond Milk Latte, Kombucha  
 Starbucks Drink Order: Hazelnut Oat Milk Shaken Latte, Iced Almond Milk Latte, Soy Chai Tea Latte  
 Sonic Drink: Cherry Limeade

### Personal Information:



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July 11

First Initial: H - Middle Initial: D - Last Initial: B

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Peony, Hydrangeas, Pink, Orange, Purple Flowers
- Colors: Blue
- Store: Target, Sephora, Trader Joe's
- Guilty Pleasure: Pampering- Nails and Facials
- Classroom Items: Bubbles, Markers, and Play Doh



# Meet the Teacher

## Michelle Crawford



### About Me:

Welcome to PreK! I am Mrs. Crawford and I am so excited to be teaching at CRCDS. I have taught Kindergarten, Second and Third grade math & science in private and public schools. I have also taught 2s and 3s here at CRCDS. My husband and I have been married 21 years and have two children who both attended pre-school at CRCDS. Ella is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma and Bennett attends Lovejoy HS. I enjoy walking my dog, Millie, and exercising while listening to audiobooks in my spare time. I know we are going to have the best year together!

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Trail Mix
- Candy: Albanese Gummy Bears, Peanut M&M's
- Cookie: Peanut Butter and Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Lemon or Chocolate Chocolate Chip

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Coffee  
 Cold Drink: Water/ Diet Dr. Pepper  
 Starbucks Drink Order: Blonde Vanilla Latte  
 Sonic Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper

### Personal Information:



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November 26

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Hydrangeas
- Colors: Blue
- Store: Target and Nordstrom
- Guilty Pleasure: Baked Goods- Cupcakes, Sweet Breads, Cookies

First Initial: M - Middle Initial: E - Last Initial: C

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**Sara Drake****About Me:**

Hi, my name is Sara! This is my first year teaching, and I am so excited to be teaching the young 2's! I am currently taking classes and majoring in Kinesiology to become a Physical Therapist. Some things I enjoy are listening to music, playing soccer, and painting. I can't wait to spend the year with your amazing kids!

**My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: Cheez-its and Goldfish
- Candy: Sour Patch Kids and Reese's Cups
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Red Velvet

**My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: Hot Chocolate  
Cold Drink: Dr. Pepper  
Starbucks Drink Order:  
Strawberry Acai Refresher  
Sonic Drink: Ocean Water

**Personal Information:**

SDrake@crumc.org



August 28

First Initial: S - Middle Initial: K - Last Initial: D

**My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Roses
- Colors: Pink
- Store: Target
- Guilty Pleasure: Wildly Dancing to California Girls by Katy Perry
- Classroom Items: Books

Meet the Teacher

**Jen Gilmore****About Me:**

Welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Mrs. Gilmore and I am blessed to have your child in my class this year. I have been teaching for 16 years. I have been married for 24 years. We have three pretty fantastic children, Mason (21), Channing (19), and Brandt (16). We also have two fur babies that are rather crazy; Cali (5) and Mack (1). I love teaching, I love the Lord, and spending my days combining both is a gift I treasure. When I am not at school I enjoy reading, cooking, and gardening...as well as cheering on the Tide...Roll Tide Roll! I promise this year will be full of growth, friendship, fellowship, and support of all His children. I look forward to getting to know you better and partner with you in your child's best interest.

**My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: Roasted Nuts
- Candy: N/A (no sugar)
- Cookie: N/A (no sugar)
- Nothing Bundt Cake  
Flavor: Red Velvet

**My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: N/A  
Cold Drink: Diet Coke and Cold Brew Coffee  
Starbucks Drink Order: Cold Brew with Cold Foam  
Sonic Drink: Diet Coke with Lime

**Personal Information:**

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December 27

First Initial: J - Middle Initial: L - Last Initial: G

**My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Lillies and Tulips
- Colors: Yellow
- Store: Amazon and Target
- Guilty Pleasure: Sushi  
(Sashimi)

# Meet the Teacher

# Heather Hammer



## About Me:

Hi! My name is Ms. Heather and I am so blessed to have the privilege of serving as Director of CRCDS! This is my second year with CRCDS and my 11th serving at Custer Road. My husband, Chris, and I have 3 amazing daughters: Abby (16), Ellie (11), and Maggie (8). When I'm not busy cheering on my girls at Drill Team, Dance, or Theatre, I enjoy snuggling my Boston Terriers, Lucy and Peggy and crafting. I have the BEST job and love watching our CRCDS students grow in faith and knowledge each day!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Chex Mix, Cheddar and Sour Cream Chips, Popcorn
- Candy: Reese's and Peanut Butter M&M's
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip or Peanut Butter
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Chocolate Chocolate Chip

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Hot Chocolate  
Cold Drink: Diet Coke or Root Beer  
Starbucks Drink Order: Mocha Frappuccinno  
Sonic Drink: Root Beer

## Personal Information:



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February 10

First Initial: H - Middle Initial: R - Last Initial: H

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Any bright colored flowers!
- Colors: PINK
- Store: Amazon, Target, Buff City Soap, HEB
- Guilty Pleasure: Taylor Swift and Chips and Queso
- Classroom Items: Faith Based Children's Books and decor

# Meet the Teacher

## **Enas Hanna**



### **About Me:**

Hi! My name is Ms. Enas and this is my first year at CRCDS. I have over 10 years of experience working with children and hold a degree in Early Childhood Education. My husband and I have three beautiful daughters and I am Grandma to my handsome grandson. In my free time I love to cook and read.

### **My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: Fruits and Nuts
- Candy: Dark Chocolate (Lily's, Godiva, Ferrero Rond Noir)
- Cookie: Belvita, Made Good, Milano, Biscoff
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Lemon, Red Velvet, Vanilla

### **My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: Coffee, Black Tea, Passion Fruit Tea  
Cold Drink: Sugar Free Vanilla Iced Coffee, Smoothie  
Starbucks Drink Order: Latte, Refreshers, Christmas Drinks  
Sonic Drink: Lemonade

### **Personal Information:**



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**January 21**

**First Initial: E - Middle Initial: S - Last Initial: H**

### **My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Roses, Daisies, Tulips
- Colors: Blue, Green, Lilac
- Store: Target and Macy's
- Guilty Pleasure: Chips, Coke Zero
- Classroom Items: Books and Toys



# Meet the Teacher

# Tracy Harrison



## About Me:

My name is Tracy Harrison. I have taught 3's and 4's at CRCDS and I am now privileged to work in the office where I get to see all of the children. Outside of school I am married and have 5 children. I love to travel, read, and enjoy going to all of my children's activities. I am enjoying getting to know all of the children at CRCDS and feel truly blessed to get to work with all of the fabulous teachers and families.

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Ritz Bits and Cheez-Its
- Candy: Reese's Fast Break, Snickers
- Cookie: Oatmeal Raisin and Snickerdoodle
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Raspberry and Lemon

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Hot Chocolate and Tea

Cold Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper Zero Sugar

Starbucks Drink Order: Dragon Fruit Refresher

Sonic Drink: Diet Coke with Vanilla

## Personal Information:



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December 29

First Initial: T - Middle Initial: S - Last Initial: H

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Daisies and Roses
- Colors: Black, Pink, and Purple
- Store: Target, Belk, and Lonestar Mercantile
- Guilty Pleasure: Pedicure (Deluxe Nail Salon)

# Meet the Teacher

## Erin Jarratt



### About Me:

Hi I'm Mrs. Jarratt.

This is my 4th year at CRCDS! I'm so excited to be teaching PreK! I have two kids - a 16 year old daughter and a 23 year son. My husband and I both grew up here in Plano. We have a crazy puppy! I love spending time with my family!!

We are going to have so much fun in PreK!!

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Chips, Trail Mix, Cheese Crackers, Anything Salty!
- Candy: Reese's, Twix, Three Musketeers
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip and Sugar
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: White Chocolate Chip Raspberry or Lemon

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: N/A

Cold Drink: Diet Pepsi

Starbucks Drink Order: N/A

Sonic Drink: Diet Cherry

Limeade

### Personal Information:



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March 17

First Initial: E - Middle Initial: J - Last Initial: J

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Carnations
- Colors: Blue, Green, Purple
- Store: Amazon
- Guilty Pleasure: Shutterfly
- Classroom Item: Colorful Dry Erase Markers and Dot Markers

# Meet the Teacher

# Sarah Johnson



## About Me:

Hi! My name is Sarah Johnson. This is my 4th year teaching pre-k 3's at CRCDS. I absolutely love teaching this age because everyone is so excited about learning! I studied Elementary Education with an emphasis on Early Childhood Development at Texas A&M University. My husband and I have 3 boys Owen, Kellen & Max. They keep us busy with all their sports and activities.

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Sweet and Salty
- Candy: Anything Chocolate
- Cookie: Snickerdoodle and Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake  
Flavor: Lemon and Red Velvet

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Cinnamon Dolce Latte  
Cold Drink: Dr. Pepper  
Starbucks Drink Order: Cinnamon Dolce Latte  
Sonic Drink: Peach Sweet Tea or Cranberry Limeade

## Personal Information:



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February 3rd

First Initial: S - Middle Initial: - Last Initial: J

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Tulips and Hydrangeas  
Colors: Blue, Red, Grey
- Store: Target, Amazon, Old Navy
- Guilty Pleasure: Pedicures and Chips and Queso
- Classroom Items: Fun Markers

Meet the Teacher

# Mary Elise Johnston



## About Me:

My name is Mrs. Johnston and I'm thrilled over teaching the 3's on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year! There is so much growth and development that happens at this age. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy reading, eating, working out, and being with my husband and two daughters.

Originally from Mississippi, we have lived in Plano for 19 years now. Thank you for letting me be a part of this stage in your child's life. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Flavored Nuts
- Candy: Peanut Butter Cups, Jolly Ranchers
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip/Sugar
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Lemon

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Coffee

Cold Drink: Lemonade

Starbucks Drink Order: Caramel Macchiato

Sonic Drink: Vanilla Dr. Pepper

## Personal Information:



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June 26

First Initial: M - Middle Initial: E - Last Initial: J

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: All of them!
- Colors: Pink and Leopard Print
- Store: Grocery Stores, Barnes and Noble
- Guilty Pleasure: Amazon
- Classroom Items: Books

# Meet the Teacher

## Yolanda Loftis



### About Me:

Hi! I am Mrs. Loftis and I am so excited to be part of CRCDS. This is my 3rd year teaching in this school. I am married and have two wonderful daughters, Sienna and Penelope. We live in Plano and couldn't be happier; we love absolutely everything about the city! . On my free time I like to do family activities. My goal is to support each child's growth and love for learning in a safe, joyful space where they feel excited to come to school every day!

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Chips and Popcorn
- Candy: Kisses, Hershey's w/ Almond, any Chocolate w/nuts
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip or Gingerbread
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Carrot Cake

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Latte with Splenda  
 Cold Drink: Coke Zero/Cold Coffee  
 Starbucks Drink Order: Latte or Cold Coffee and Chocolate Pastry  
 Sonic Drink: Diet Cherry Limeade

### Personal Information:



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August 12

First Initial: Y- Middle Initial: - - Last Initial: L

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Any
- Colors: Pink and Red
- Store: Target and Hobby Lobby
- Guilty Pleasure: Chocolate, almonds, pecans, cake
- Classroom Items: Kids props for holidays



# Meet the Teacher

## Beth Martin



### About Me:

Hi! I am Beth Martin, and I am excited to be teaching the 3's Class this year! This is my second full year at CRCDS and my seventh year of teaching. I grew up in South and East Texas and graduated from UNT. My husband, Patrick, and I have been married for 23 years and have one amazing son, Justin. I love to travel, read, craft, and take a million pictures. I live in Plano and have been a member of Custer Road Church since 2017. I feel so blessed to teach your kids and watch them grow in their abilities and Faith. I am looking forward to an amazing year!

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Pretzels, Blueberries, Strawberries, Trail Mix, Granola, Yogurt, Popcorn
- Candy: Junior Mints, M&Ms, Raisinettes
- Cookie: Oatmeal Raisin, Chocolate Chip, Snickerdoodle
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Vanilla, Lemon Raspberry, Chocolate Chocolate Chip, Carrot Cake

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Hot Tea, Chai Latte, Black Coffee w/ Heavy Cream

Cold Drink: Iced Tea w/No Sugar, Iced Chai Tea Latte, Coke, Sprite

Starbucks Drink Order: Chai Latte (Iced or Hot), Iced Black or Green Tea w/ No Sweetener, Iced Coffee w/ Heavy Cream

Sonic Drink: Diet Cherry Limeade, Diet Coke w/ Limes

### Personal Information:



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**January 15**

**First Initial: R- Middle Initial: E - Last Initial: M**

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Roses, Carnations, Daisies (Allergic to Lillies)
- Colors: Blue and Purple
- Store: Target, Michael's, Amazon, DSW, Barnes and Noble
- Guilty Pleasure: Dark Chocolate, Cake, Scones
- Classroom Items: Books, Sensory Items, Treasure Box Items

# Meet the Teacher

## Randy Martinez



### About Me:

Hello! My name is Randy Martinez and I am from Barranquilla, Colombia. I live in Plano with my husband and two daughters. I grew up and developed my entire professional career in my country, where I obtained my two bachelor's degrees, one in Business Administration and the other in Finance. I have been working at Custer Road Christian Preschool for three beautiful years and I feel very happy and blessed to be here. I love dancing, listening to loud music lol, skating (although I haven't done it in years), seafood, spending time having fun with my family and friends.

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Fruits
- Candy: Dark Chocolate w/ Almonds (The Hu Dark Chocolate)
- Cookie: Oatmeal Cookies and Sugar Cookies
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Lemon Raspberry, Carrot, Red Velvet, Chocolate Chocolate Chip

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Tea

Cold Drink: Water and Lemonade

Starbucks Drink Order: Caramel

Frappuccino and Cake Pops

Sonic Drink: None

### Personal Information:



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November 26

First Initial: R- Middle Initial: C - Last Initial: M

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: All
- Colors: Red, Pink, Purple (all dusty)
- Store: Amazon and Sephora
- Guilty Pleasure: Desserts and Pastries
- Classroom Items: Folding Floor Chair

Meet the Teacher

**Kayley McMullen**



## About Me:

I am Ms. Kayley and i'm so excited to be your teacher this year. This is my first year teaching. I enjoy spending my free time with my dog, Miller and playing golf. I also love doing anything crafty and am excited about the school year.

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Hot Fries, Regular Sunflower Seeds, Goldfish
- Candy: Peach Rings, Sour Patch Kids
- Cookie: Milano Milk Chocolate
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Lemon, White Chocolate Raspberry

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Peppermint Hot Chocolate and Green Tea  
Cold Drink: Blue Nipple Top Gatorade and Coca Cola Icee  
Starbucks Drink Order: Iced Caramel Macchiato with Oat Milk  
Sonic Drink: Coke w/ Limes or Cherry Limeade

## Personal Information:



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**November 19**

**First Initial: K- Middle Initial: A - Last Initial: M**

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Tulips, Peonies, Hydrangeas, and Orchids
- Colors: Blue, Pale Yellow, Green, Purple, and Pink
- Store: La La Land, Home Goods, and Buff City Soap
- Guilty Pleasure: The Real Housewives
- Classroom Items: Books



# Meet the Teacher

## Katie Nelson



### About Me:

My name is Katie Nelson and I have had the pleasure to stay at home with my 2 beautiful children for the last three and half years. Before having children I have worked with children of all ages as a nanny and preschool teacher. I am so excited to get back in a classroom at Custer Road Christian Day School, my son has attended CRCDS for almost 2 years now and we absolutely love it. My husband Mason and I love to travel and introduce our kids to new cultures and places as much as we can. When I get downtime from chasing my 2 toddlers around I love to just sit and read a good mystery book.

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Popcorn
- Candy: Dark Chocolate
- Cookie: Milano Milk Chocolate
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: White Chocolate Raspberry

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Chai Tea Latte

Cold Drink: Unsweet Cold Brew w/ a Soft Top

Starbucks Drink Order: Chai Tea Latte w/ 2%

Sonic Drink: Cheddar Pepper w/ Ranch

### Personal Information:



**KNelson@crumc.org**



**December 30**

**First Initial: K- Middle Initial: E - Last Initial: N**

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Lily
- Colors: Pink
- Store: Sephora
- Guilty Pleasure: Chips and Queso
- Classroom Items: Anything art related and books. The Very Hungry Caterpillar is my favorite!





Meet the Teacher

**Tracy Nguyen**



## About Me:

Hello, my name is Ms. Tracy and this is my third year teaching at CRCDS. My family moved to Texas 6 years ago from the windy city of Chicago and we been loving Texas so far. I love working with kids and cant wait to welcome your kids into my classroom. I look forward to to having a wonderful year filled with sweet memories together!  
Thank you for trusting us with your babies!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Veggie Straws
- Candy: Chocolate
- Cookie: Oreos
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Chocolate Chocolate Chip

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Tea  
Cold Drink: Starbucks Frappuccino  
Starbucks Drink Order: Caramel Frappuccino with an Extra Shot!  
Sonic Drink: None

## Personal Information:



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July 15

First Initial: T- Middle Initial: N - Last Initial: N

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Roses
- Colors: Pink
- Store: Amazon and Walmart
- Guilty Pleasure: Gardening and Boba
- Classroom Items: Loveseat Chair for Kids, Reading Nook Supplies







Meet the Teacher

**Sarah Oldham**



**About Me:**



Hi! My name is Sarah Oldham and I'm excited to be working in my second year as the Assistant Director here at Custer Road Christian Day School. I have taught in the 2's, 3's and as the Kindergarten teacher during my 11 years here at CRCDS. I love CRCDS and have three daughters that all graduated through our preschool program. I am a busy mom of three and spend lots of time with my girls. On our school breaks, my husband, Jarod, and I along with our three daughters love to go on travel adventures together. When I'm not traveling you can find me with my nose in a good book!

**My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: Popcorn and Pretzels
- Candy: Haribo Gummy Bears and Dark Chocolate
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: White Chocolate Raspberry

**My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: Chai Tea Latte  
Cold Drink: Dr. Pepper  
Starbucks Drink Order: Chai Tea Latte  
Sonic Drink: Cherry Limeade

**Personal Information:**



**SOldham@crumc.org**



**April 17**

**First Initial: S- Middle Initial: - R Last Initial: O**

**My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Daisies
- Colors: Pink
- Store: Amazon and Walmart
- Guilty Pleasure: Reading and Sweets



# Meet the Teacher

## Dana Reygadas



### About Me:

Hi, my name is Dana Reygadas and I've been teaching the 3's class at CRCDS since 2019. My husband Jose and I have 4 kids; 3 boys and 1 girl. We also have a dog, who is definitely our other child! All of our kids went to school at CRCDS, so it holds a special place in my heart. In my free time, I am usually at some type of game or activity, from dance, to football, to baseball, to lacrosse and basketball my kids play it all. I love spending time with them, and watching them do what they love. I also love teaching preschool and I'm so excited to be your child's teacher this year! We are going to have the best year!

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Sweets, Chips and Queso, Pretzel Crisps
- Candy: Dove Milk Chocolate, Milk Chocolate w/ Almonds
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Red Velvet

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: None

Cold Drink: Dr. Pepper

Starbucks Drink Order: Iced White Mocha

Sonic Drink: Peach Sweet Tea

### Personal Information:



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January 6th

First Initial: D- Middle Initial: - S Last Initial: R

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Hydrangeas and Tulips
- Colors: Blue, Red, Pink, Gray
- Store: Amazon, Target, Old Navy
- Guilty Pleasure: Chips and Queso and Pedicures
- Classroom Items: Fun Markers and Pens!

Meet the Teacher

**Susan Roby****About Me:**

Hi! My name is Susan Roby. I taught kindergarten for many years before staying home to focus on our three daughters. Today, my husband and I are busy with our three teenagers watching a lot of cheer and volleyball. I'm excited to be a part of your child's learning this year!

**My Favorite Treats:**

- Candy: Reese's, Jelly Beans, Sour Patch Watermelon
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Gluten Free Lemon Raspberry or Gluten Free Chocolate Cake
- I am celiac, so all treats need to be gluten free.

**My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: Hot Chocolate  
 Cold Drink: Root Beer  
 Starbucks Drink Order: Lemonade  
 Dragon Fruit Refresher  
 Sonic Drink: Raspberry Slush

**Personal Information:**

SRoby@crumc.org



September 7

First Initial: S - Middle Initial: C - Last Initial: R

**My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Any
- Colors: Pink, Navy, Green
- Store: Target, Ulta, Amazon
- Guilty Pleasure: Gluten Free Nothing Bundt Cakes

# Meet the Teacher **Front Office**

## **Mo Roddam**



### **About Me:**

My name is Mohua Roddam and I am originally from India. I came to the US to pursue a Masters in Psychology just over a decade ago and made DFW my home since 2017. I learnt about CRCDS when I was in search of a preschool for my daughter and have enjoyed seeing her thrive in this intimate and nurturing setting so much that I decided to join them myself. With my experience in parenting, application of psychology to principles of teaching and genuine love for little ones, I am blessed to be amongst the sweetest kiddos and amazing teachers at Custer Road Christian Day School.

### **My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: Classic Lay's, Cheetos
- Candy: Lindt Dark Chocolate w/ Orange, Chocolate Coated Coffee Beans
- Cookie Flavor: Oreos, Palmiers
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Dark Chocolate

### **My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: Dark Roast Coffee  
Cold Drink: Diet Coke  
Starbucks Drink Order: Dark Roast (Hot/Cold)  
Sonic Drink: N/A

### **Personal Information:**



**MRoddam@crumc.org**



**January 24**

**First Initial: M - Middle Initial: D - Last Initial: R**

### **My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Lillies and Orchids
- Colors: Olive Green, Black, Sage Green
- Store: Target, Sephora, Trader Joe's
- Guilty Pleasure: Movies, Shopping, Mani/Pedis



Meet the Teacher

**Kristi Snyder****About Me:**

Hello! Im Ms. Kristi, and I'm thrilled to be starting my 6th year with CRCDS and my 2nd year teaching in the 2s class after previously working with the little ones in the babies' room. I truly love everything about my job and feel so lucky to be part of this wonderful community.

A little about me: I'm married and have three boys, ages 14, 12, and 10. We live in the country in Melissa, where my boys are free to run, explore, and just be boys. When we're not busy with football, baseball, and basketball, we're traveling to the beach, hunting and fishing together, or catching a movie. Life is full, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I am so excited for this year and can't wait to meet each of you.

**My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: Caramel Popcorn
- Candy: Anything Chocolate
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip or Double Chocolate
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Chocolate, Vanilla, or Red Velvet

**My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: Golden Eagle (Dutch Bros), White Chocolate Mocha  
 Cold Drink: Pink Drink, Sweet Tea, Dr. Pepper  
 Starbucks Drink Order: Pink Drink or White Chocolate Mocha  
 Sonic Drink: Sweet Tea w/Extra Ice

**Personal Information:**

KSnyder@crumc.org



October 3

First Initial: K - Middle Initial: D - Last Initial: S

**My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Any
- Colors: Hot Pink
- Store: Target, Hobby Lobby, Amazon
- Guilty Pleasure: Shopping and Getting Pampered!
- Classroom Items: Pens, Markers



# Meet the Teacher

# Sarah Steele



## About Me:

Hello, I'm Mrs. Steele! I've been teaching in a preschool setting for 8 years. I have 3 kids. They are 12, 10, and 8 years old. My husband and I enjoy going on walks and working out together. We love traveling and new adventures! In my free time, I read, play tennis, and spend time with family and friends.

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Cheez-Its
- Candy: Caramel M&M's
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Confetti

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Coffee  
Cold Drink: Dr. Pepper  
Starbucks Drink Order: Mango Dragon Fruit Lemonade  
Sonic Drink: Dr. Pepper

## Personal Information:



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May 31

First Initial: S - Middle Initial: K - Last Initial: S

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Roses
- Colors: Purple
- Store: Costco
- Guilty Pleasure: Dove Chocolate
- Classroom Items: Black Expo Markers

# Meet the Teacher

# Beth Steffen



## About Me:

Hi Families! I am Beth Steffen and I will be one of the MWF teachers for the 3's class. I live in Plano with my husband, Nick, and our 2 children, Nora and Isaac, and several pets! I am originally from Kansas and have been an elementary teacher prior, teaching the primary grades. I have been at Custer Road for 3 years. I am very excited to work with you and your children. We will have lots of fun during our time together, I promise!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Nuts, Flavored Pretzels, Protein Bars
- Candy: Peppermints and Chocolate
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Red Velvet

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Skinny Vanilla Latte

Cold Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper or Sugar Free Red Bull

Starbucks Drink Order: Skinny Vanilla Latte- Iced or Hot

Sonic Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper with Vanilla

## Personal Information:



BSteffen@crumc.org



December 21

First Initial: B - Middle Initial: M - Last Initial: S

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Any :)
- Colors: Purple and Teal
- Store: Chipotle, Old Navy, Amazon, Rosa's
- Guilty Pleasure: Shopping
- Classroom Items: Sharpies, Holiday Decor

Meet the Teacher

**Suzy Stutsman****About Me:**

I was born and raised a native Texan in South Dallas, graduating from DeSoto High School. I am also a proud Texas Aggie graduate as well!

I have taught preschool for more than a few years and have been in the 3's, 4's and STEAM classrooms.

I live in Allen with my husband, Aaron, and my three kids and three dogs. My oldest daughter is a senior at Oklahoma State. My 18 year old daughter is a senior at Allen High School and my 14 year old son is a freshman in Allen.

In my down time, I like to hang out with my family, go to the lake, snow ski and watch the Food Network...and shop!

I am so happy to be at Custer Road and blessed to be able to teach your kids about God!

**My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: Anything Salty!
- Candy: Hershey's Bar, Reese's Take 5, Spree, Gummy Bears
- Cookie: Any!
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Red Velvet

**My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider

Cold Drink: Unsweet Tea

Starbucks Drink Order: Black Tea Iced Unsweet

Sonic Drink: Unsweet Tea, Coke, Oreo Cookie Blast (extra Oreo!)

**Personal Information:**

SStutsman@crumc.org



June 14

First Initial: S - Middle Initial: K - Last Initial: S

**My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Carnations
- Colors: Orange- any
- Store: Amazon
- Classroom Items: Anything Lakeshore, Amazon

Meet the Teacher

# Susan Summer

## About Me:



My name is Susan Summer, and I am excited to be your child's teacher on Tuesdays and Thursdays! I have been blessed to work with children in some form or another for over 25 years now, teaching in both public and private schools. My husband Chris and I have three beautiful girls: Rebekah who is 20, Elisabeth who is 17, and Hannah who is 13. We also have 4 dogs: Tex, Rose, Nova, and Luca. I enjoy spending time with my family, attending my daughters' events, being involved in church, and taking classes to learn new things! Getting to know the families at CRCDS is one of my favorite things, so please reach out any time!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Popcorn, Trail Mix, Pistachios, Chocolate Covered Almonds
- Candy: Chocolate filled w/mint, peanut butter, or raspberry and Sour Patch Kids.
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip- soft and gooey!
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Chocolate

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Tea

Cold Drink: Iced Tea, Coke Zero, Sparkling Water

Starbucks Drink Order: Chai Tea Latte, Strawberry Refresher

Sonic Drink: Diet Cranberry Limeade

## Personal Information:



SSummer@crumc.org



July 21

First Initial: S - Middle Initial: J - Last Initial: S

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Roses, Hydrangeas, Sunflowers
- Colors: Sage Green and Gold
- Store: Amazon, Hobby Lobby, Walmart
- Guilty Pleasure: Pedicures and Reading
- Classroom Items: Colorful Sharpies, Flair Pens, Tempera Paint Sticks

Meet the Teacher


**Laura Thornbrugh**

**About Me:**

Hi! My name is Laura Thornbrugh and I am so thrilled to teach in the 3's this year! I have over 16 years of experience working with children in a church/education setting, and this will be my fifth-year teaching preschool. I also substitute for PISD when I am not working at CRCDS. I grew up in Forney and currently live in Plano with my husband and our three children. We love hiking, camping, swimming, game nights, and spending time together. My husband, Grant and I are passionate about raising our children on Godly principles and are loving watching them grow in the Lord. We are active members at Cottonwood Creek Church and enjoy serving there. I am looking forward to getting to know your child and watching them grow this school year!

**My Favorite Treats:**

- Snacks: That's It Bars, Popcorn, Trail Mix
- Candy: Blue Raspberry Licorice
- Cookie: Sugar (Anything but Chocolate)
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Any!

**My Favorite Drinks:**

Hot Drink: French Vanilla Cappuccino  
 Cold Drink: Frappuccino  
 Starbucks Drink Order: Chocolate Cookie Crumble Cream Frappuccino  
 Sonic Drink: Cherry Limeade w/ Extra Cherries

**Personal Information:**


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December 26

First Initial: L - Middle Initial: L - Last Initial: T

**My Favorite Things:**

- Flower: Orchid
  - Colors: Pink, Aqua, Leopard
  - Store: Target, TJ Maxx, Marshall's, Amazon
  - Guilty Pleasure: Shopping
  - Classroom Items: Flair Pens and Stationary
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# Meet the Teacher

## Maria Alejandra Valbuena

Room 118



### About Me:

Hello! I am Maria Valbuena, currently in my second year at CRCDS. Originally from Venezuela, I graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering, but my deep passion for education and love for children have inspired me to pursue a career in the field of teaching. I am married and blessed with two wonderful children who fill my life with joy. My family and I love to travel and embrace the outdoors, especially hiking through nature and discovering new places.

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Cheese Crisps- Lays
- Candy: Candy Scented Candles
- Cookie: Milano Dark Chocolate
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Classic Vanilla or Carrot

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Coffee Latte or Caramel Macchiato

Cold Drink: Caramel Frappuccino

Starbucks Drink Order: Hot Caramel Macchiato or Caramel Frappuccino

Sonic Drink: Cherry or Strawberry Limeade

### Personal Information:



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September 9

First Initial: M - Middle Initial: A - Last Initial: V

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Orchids and Roses
- Colors: Purple and White
- Store: Target and Macy's
- Guilty Pleasure: Trying different Cuisines
- Classroom Items: Planner Notepad

# Meet the Teacher

## Alejandra Velez



### About Me:

I am Miss Velez and I am so excited to be at Custer Road Christian Day School teaching kindergarten! This will be my second year here. I graduated from TWU in 2021 with a Bachelors in Education. I LOVE spending my days with littles - pouring into them academically and spiritually! Outside of school I enjoy spending time with my family, exploring coffee shops, reading, and taking hikes. It is going to be a year filled with lots of learning and fun! Blessings- Proverbs 22:6

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Popcorn
- Candy: Gummy Bears
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip/ White Macadamia Nut
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Red Velvet

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Decaf Honey Vanilla Latte  
 Cold Drink: Iced Decaf Honey Vanilla Latte  
 Starbucks Drink Order: Decaf Americano (iced)  
 Sonic Drink: Cherry Limeade

### Personal Information:



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May 22

First Initial: A - Middle Initial: - - Last Initial: V

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Tulips and Sunflowers
- Colors: Green and Yellow
- Store: Amazon and Target
- Guilty Pleasure: Chocolate!
- Classroom Items: Stickers, Dry Erase Markers, Treasure Chest Toys, pens, stationary.



# Meet the Teacher

# Lauren Velis



## About Me:

Hi! My name is Lauren Velis and I'm excited to be rejoining Custer Road Christian Day School. I have taught Kindergarten at CRCDS and in public school, 4's and 3's through preschool, and have been a school counselor in Richardson and Plano ISD. I am a busy mom of two and spend lots of time with my son Christopher (10) and Emily (7). On the weekends you can find my reading or cheering on my kids in soccer, basketball or tennis.

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Chocolate Covered Pretzels or Blueberries
- Candy: Gummy Bears
- Cookie: Snickerdoodle
- Nothing Bundt Cake  
Flavor: Lemon or Chocolate

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Tea or Hot Chocolate  
Cold Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper or Bubbly Water  
Starbucks Drink Order: Any tea hot or cold (not a coffee drinker)  
Sonic Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper

## Personal Information:



LVelis@crumcorg



April 17

First Initial: L - Middle Initial: G- Last Initial: V

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Stargazer Lillies
- Colors: Blue
- Store: Home Goods
- Guilty Pleasure: SWIG drinks
- Classroom Items: Anything is appreciated!



# Meet the Teacher

# Carrie Waldrip



## About Me:

Welcome to Pre-K! My name is Carrie Waldrip and this is my 3rd year at Custer Road! I am so lucky to do something I love and am so excited to be your teacher! My husband Allen and I have two amazing daughters, Harper and Molly. We have two dogs and one lizard that sometimes makes an appearance in class! In my free time I love spending time with my family, reading, and cooking yummy meals! We are going to have a wonderful year in Pre-K!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Cheeze-Its, BBQ Pringles
- Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Cookie: Chocolate Chip and Snickerdoodle
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Red Velvet and Chocolate

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Coffee  
Cold Drink: Water  
Starbucks Drink Order: Caramel Macchiato (hot or cold)  
Sonic Drink: Vanilla Dr. Pepper or Cherry Limeade

## Personal Information:



CWaldrip@crumc.org



April 18

First Initial: C - Middle Initial: A - Last Initial: W

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Roses and Daisies
- Colors: Green
- Store: Target, Amazon, Walmart
- Guilty Pleasure: Mi Cocina and Mexican Food
- Classroom Items: Books and Mr. Sketch Markers

# Meet the Teacher

# Erika Wallace



## About Me:

Welcome to CDO 1! I am Ms. Erika and this is my second year teaching at CRCDS! I have two children, Haze and Hendrix, and they attend CRCDS as well. During my free time, I enjoy going running and reading! I look forward to meeting you and having an amazing year together!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Fruit Snacks
- Candy: Sour Patch Kids and Cherry Pull and Peel Twizzlers
- Cookie: Oreos
- Nothing Bundt Cake  
Flavor: Lemon Raspberry

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Caramel Macchiato  
Cold Drink: Golden Eagle Iced Coffee w/ Soft Top (Dutch Bros)  
Starbucks Drink Order: Mango Dragon Fruit Lemonade Refresher  
Sonic Drink: Cherry Limeade

## Personal Information:



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October 3

First Initial: E - Middle Initial: D- Last Initial: W

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Pothos Ivy Plants
- Colors: Blue!
- Store: Target
- Guilty Pleasure: Scented Lotion and Fuzzy Socks :)
- Classroom Items: Bubbles and Stickers!



# Meet the Teacher

# Tara Watkins



## About Me:

Hi, I am Ms. Tara this is my 3rd year at CDCDS. I started in CDO 2s and recently moved to the office. My family and I have been in Texas going on 7 years. I am married with 3 daughters. I like to shop, travel and read in my spare time. I look forward to having another amazing year here!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Chocolate Covered Caramel
- Candy: Fast Break
- Cookie: Peanut Butter Chunks
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: No Coconut and No Nuts- Anything Else!

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: White Chocolate Mocha w/ Caramel

Cold Drink: Blended Rebel Energy Drink

Starbucks Drink Order: Melon Burst Iced Energy

Sonic Drink: Blue Raz Flavored Water w/ Lemons and Strawberries

## Personal Information:



TWatkins@crumc.org



October 19

First Initial: T - Middle Initial: D - Last Initial: W

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Tulips and Roses
- Store: Marshall's and Bath and Body Works
- Guilty Pleasure: Double Stuffed Oreos, Reading, Plants, Shopping
- Classroom Items: Plants and Oil Diffuser

# Meet the Teacher

## Monica Wilkiewicz



### About Me:

Hello, I am Mrs. Monica. This is my 1st year teaching, and I couldn't be more excited. I have a BS in Accounting and worked in the corporate world for about 10 years when The Lord called me to be a mom to my 6 beautiful babies. Now that they are all at school The Lord was weighing on my heart that I should be in a classroom. I absolutely adore children and watching their personality and love of Christ unfold. In my spare time I enjoy volunteering at my children's school and hanging out with my husband and friends.

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Buffalo hummus or Buffalo Anything
- Candy: N/A
- Cookie: Soft Chocolate Chip
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Anything but Lemon

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Pumpkin Spice Latte or Vanilla Latte

Cold Drink: Diet Dr. Pepper or Cream Soda

Starbucks Drink Order: Pumpkin Spice or Iced Vanilla Latte

Sonic Drink: Diet Cherry Limeade

### Personal Information:



MWilkiewicz@crumc.org



December 20

First Initial: M - Middle Initial: A - Last Initial: W

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Roses
- Colors: Black and Pink
- Store: Amazon
- Guilty Pleasure: Reading, Amazon Shopping, Watching TV
- Classroom Items: Fun Pens/Markers

# Meet the Teacher

## Megan Williams



### About Me:

Hi! My name is Megan. I attended Stephen F Austin State University and graduated with my Bachelor's in Child and Family Development in 2011. Before joining the staff at CRCDS, I worked as an Elementary School teacher for 4 years. My husband and I have two beautiful daughters who both attended CRCDS. In my free time, I enjoy getting to spend time with my family and experience new things together.

### My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Original Dots Pretzels
- Candy: Zero Bar
- Cookie: Lemon
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: White Chocolate Raspberry

### My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: N/A  
Cold Drink: Dr. Pepper  
Starbucks Drink Order: Vanilla Bean Frappuccino  
Sonic Drink: Cherry Limeade

### Personal Information:



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February 16

### My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Orchid
- Colors: Purple
- Store: Target
- Guilty Pleasure: Legos

First Initial: M - Middle Initial: L - Last Initial: W

# Meet the Teacher

# Jeed Woranitath



## About Me:

Hi! I'm Jeed, and I've been part of CRCDS for three years now. For the past two years, I worked exclusively with our two-year-old little friends, but this year is special because I also get to work with the four-year-olds. Both age groups bring me so much joy in unique ways, and I love every moment with them.

In my free time, I enjoy being with my family of five—my husband, our daughter, and our two cats. We love going outdoors, discovering new places to enjoy delicious food, practicing yoga, and going for walks. That's a bit about me!

## My Favorite Treats:

- Snacks: Fruit
- Candy: N/A
- Cookie: Oatmeal Raisin, soft chewy cookies like Tiff's Treats
- Nothing Bundt Cake Flavor: Chocolate or Vanilla

## My Favorite Drinks:

Hot Drink: Decaf Latte

Cold Drink: Decaf Caramel Latte

Starbucks Drink Order: Decaf Latte Frap

Sonic Drink: Cherry Limeade

## Personal Information:



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August 15

First Initial: KK- Middle Initial: -- Last Initial: W

## My Favorite Things:

- Flower: Peonies
- Colors: Red and Green
- Store: Target, Amazon, Walmart
- Guilty Pleasure: Ice Cream and Cake
- Classroom Items: Seasonal Items and Backdrops