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Biography

My appreciation and love for early childhood education began when I was a high school mentor for a local kindergarten classroom. It was a wonderful experience and encouraged me to earn my Associates of Applied Science Degree in Early Childhood Education. While I was in college, I began working at St. Mark's Preschool/KIDZONE as a part-time toddler teacher. I also spent 2 summers teaching school-age children, but after I earned my degree, I was hired as a full-time preschool teacher at the center. This is currently my 6th year of teaching preschool, and I absolutely love what I do. My classroom is filled with 4 and 5 year-old children who are eager to learn and preparing them for kindergarten is truly my passion! I love to share this passion with other teachers, and I have mentored and supervised many college student teachers in my classroom. When I am not at work, my husband, Travis, our 2 weimaraner puppies and I love to spend time outdoors as much as we can! We especially love to go camping and boating, and we enjoy gardening. When I'm not outside, I like to read novels and explore new recipes in the kitchen.



Project "Early Literacy Enrichment Program"

I am so excited to implement my project which focuses on enhancing literacy in our classroom! I will be purchasing a digital camera, all-in-one printer, and binding machine that will all be used to create books that the children will plan and develop individually and as a class. I will also be adding a listening center that the children can listen to and follow along with their favorite stories. In addition, the children will be able to practice their language and imagination skills while verbally telling and recording their own stories. We will also be incorporating a family involvement aspect to this project. Family members will be asked to volunteer to read their favorite children's book and record it for the children to listen to in our new listening center. I can't wait for the children in my classroom to really start exploring the authors and illustrators inside of each of them!