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Biography

I teach two year olds at Apple Tree Children's Center in Hamden, Connecticut. I have been teaching here for nine years and have had the opportunity to nurture, educate and bond with many children and families over the years. I have working in child care since I finished high school and even had my own home child care program for three years before joining Apple Tree's teaching team. In May of 2005 I received my CDA. I am the mother of three grown children and became a first time grandmother of an adorable little girl in October 2009. I am fortunate enough to have my family close by and spend a lot of time with them.

Project-"Our School is Alive With the Sound of Music"

Since our school is located in close proximity to a major Ivy League University, we are fortunate enough to have diversity and many cultures represented here. I understand the importance of exposing children to different cultures as well as having our children's own cultures prevalent in our school. Winning this award will enable me to purchase children's instruments from around the world like a Middle Eastern Doumbek Drum, energy chimes, a cacho and a casaba. We will also purchase a compact disc collection comprised of various styles of music like folk and acoustic and will represent places like Hawaii, Africa and Asia. The children in my class will be able to use this music and instruments as a means of self-expression. I appreciate this opportunity to enhance the learning of music and movement in my classroom.

