



Name: Kristyn Beauchamp

Position: Head Teacher, Cascata A Classroom

Degrees:

- B.A. Elementary Education, minor in Math, English and Science, Western Michigan University, 2004
- Master's Degree, Early Childhood Development, UM Flint 2010

About Me: I graduated from Western Michigan University in April 2004. I was a Substitute Teacher for one year before joining the team at the ECDC. I graduated from UM-Flint in December 2010 with a Master's Degree in Early Childhood. I began working at the ECDC in the fall of 2005 in the Fiore Room. I am currently a Co-Head Teacher in the Cascata Room (preschool) and I am looking forward to bringing in new ideas to the classroom as well as learning from the children.

Professional Interests:

- Reggio Emilia Approach to education
- Family involvement at the ECDC
- Observing children to learn more about their growth and development
- Long Term Projects

Presentations & Professional Accomplishments:

- CPR and First Aid Certified
- Attend Reggio Emilia conferences

Areas of Expertise:

- 15+ years of experience working with children of all ages
- Child interaction
- Coaching swimming and diving to children of all ages

Research Interests:

- The Reggio Emilia Approach
- How the environment can affect the learning of children
- Documentation of learning
- Behaviors of children of all ages
- Preschool Curriculum

Research Question that guides my current work at the Early Childhood Development Center:

- How do children respond to new environments? How can we help children get acquainted to new environments?
- How can the Reggio Emilia Approach help me better educate the children in the classroom?
- How does the behavior of children effect the classroom environment?