

Welcome to Good Shepherd Creative Play

Meet our 2021-2022 School Year Staff



Renee Bucci – Director: Renee is entering her 18th year working at Creative Play but as a parent has been involved with the program for 24 years as her three children were all educated through the program. Renee has taught Mommy & Me classes, Toddler classes as well as the 3 year old children before stepping in as assistant director in 2013. Renee has a passion for the program, looks forward to continuing her service to her community as Director this year. Renee also runs the Summer Camp Program.



Angela Carle – Assistant Director: Angela first joined Creative Play as a parent and began doing “work-for-pay” to help those families that could not fulfill their responsibilities in the classroom. In 2011 Angela became an aide in our Kindergarten Enrichment class before transitioning into the UPK classroom as an Aide. In 2018 Angela joined us in the office as an office admin and is taking on the challenging role as Assistant Director this year. We are happy to have her help lead our program. Angela has a beautiful relaxed manner that puts a smile on everyone’s face!



Kim Arcidiacono – Office Assistant: Kim has been an active participant on Creative Play’s Executive Board leading programs and as an energetic helping parent in the classrooms. Kim joined our team in the Creative Play office as an assistant office administrator in 2020. Kim will be extending her hours with us this coming year as her role grows. Kim is a constant support for both the school as well as the Church; she connects the two programs beautifully.



Donna McDonagh – 4 year old Teacher: Donna has been a part of Creative Play for over 20 years. Donna has taught in almost every classroom at Creative Play from 2 year olds to 4 year olds as well as spent some time working as an office assistant. Donna is well versed in all things Creative Play. You know you are passing Donnas' class when you hear laughter; she has as much fun as the children! Donnas' dedication to Creative Play has rewarded many families that experienced time in her class!



Cathryn Rosas – UPK Aide: Cathy has been working for Creative play as an aide since 2008. Prior to taking on the Aide position she was a helping parent in the classroom and a parent of a student. Cathy has been involved with our UPK classes basically from the inception. Cathy helps keep a classroom organized, running smoothly and brings a fun, enthusiastic approach to learning with her into any classroom she walks into! Cathy also assists in running our summer camp program.



Maureen Fitzgerald – 3 year old Teacher: Maureen started off in Creative Play as a parent in a Mommy & Me Class and like so many of us, when her children graduated the program she was not ready to herself. Maureen began working in the classrooms on a needed basis and in 2014 became a 3 year old teacher. Maureen's loving and sweet manner is a benefit to all the children that have come through her classroom.



Kristen Scott – UPK Teacher: Creative Play is very fortunate to have had Kristen join our program in 2015. With three little ones at home Kristen is not just a good teacher, she is wonderful in understanding the family's needs. Kristen teaches both the morning and afternoon UPK classes, so it is a full day of four year olds and amazingly she begins and ends her days with a smile. When she opens her classroom door, you will always hear "we had a great day"! Kristen also teaches in our Summer Camp program.



Bridget Quinn – 4 year old Teacher’s Aide & Creative Creations Teacher: Bridget is someone that is always willing to lend a hand and wants to share her passion for early education in every capacity she is given the opportunity. Bridget has worked as a work-for-pay parent, has been a parent of a student, has worked as an aide since 2016, she has been a substitute teacher for multiple classes, developed a curriculum for and led Creative Creation classes which we hope to run once again this year.



Kristen Hanifin – 4 year old Teacher: Kristen became a part of the Creative Play staff in 2017, although this will be Kristen’s 5th year teaching at Creative Play, it feels as though she has been a constant with our program. Kristen has an ease about her that makes all who is around her, the staff, parents, children feel comfortable. Kristen creates a classroom that is so welcoming; we have a hard time getting the parents to separate 😊



Karen Sack – UPK Teacher: Karen will begin her 5th year teaching a morning UPK class here at Creative Play but has many years of UPK experience prior to joining us. We were fortunate to have Karen join our team and share all her knowledge with not only the children and their families but with the staff as well. Karen finds a balance of leadership and child like wonder in her classroom that makes us all smile!



Donna Scanlon – 3 year old Teacher and Teacher’s Aide: I hear Donnas’ chuckle when I look at her photo 😊 Donna has a laugh that is contagious and welcomed each day. Donna has been a presence in Creative Play for years; she took on the role as a Toddler teacher in 2017 and added 3 year old classes in 2019. Donna has created a loving warm atmosphere to welcome our littlest members. Donna is imaginative and creative in what she brings to a classroom, always a constant support!



Brooque Moolick – 3 year old Teacher: Brooque is another individual that refused to graduate from Creative Play; she barely let her 3 children leave the program! Brooque joined our staff in 2018 as a Toddler teacher and the following year became a three year old teacher. As we all know patience and understanding is much needed in a 3 year old classroom and with Brooque leading the way the children receive just that. She is amazing at following their needs and wants ~ she is known for “changing it up”! If you need a laugh or a happy moment, take a peek into her classroom and you are sure to smile!



Holli Wennstrom – Teacher’s Aide: Holli’s sons came through Creative Play’s program and we watched how this mom caringly gravitated to all the children in the classroom. Holli began doing “work-for-pay” in other classrooms and enjoyed the experience so much that she became a part of our staff in 2018. Holli happily engages with the children that may be having a more difficulty time in and outside the classroom; she is always supportive with an extra hug, tissue, kind word, and laugh for the children that brings a much needed comfort to them.



Annmarie Moffatt – Teacher’s Aide: Annmarie joined the Creative Play staff in 2019, with a background in business and lots of mommy experience; Annmarie has shown what an asset she has been to the children, her lead teacher and the administration of our program. Annmarie has a beautiful gentle way of navigating the children with their tasks and sparks interests from the children as she presents materials and concepts to them in the most engaging manner.



Jennifer Farrell – Toddler Teacher: Jen’s oldest daughter was graduating Creative Play and we quickly asked for her to join our program as her youngest started in our 3 year old classes. We saw the love and warmth and once again the fabulous sense of humor that is needed to run a successful classroom in Jen. We were also pleased to know about her background in teaching early education. Jen began teaching the 1 day a week toddlers in 2019. We are excited for her return knowing how lucky the children will be to enjoy all the experience Mrs. Farrell brings to her students.



Laura McEvoy – 3 year old Teacher: Laura is as excited as we are to join our staff as a teacher this year and share time with your children! Laura comes to us with teaching experience in a pre-school setting and even more significant she comes to us with a great amount of “mom experience”. Laura is the mother of four children who keep her busy, grounded and loved! Laura will bring all her knowledge, care and support that she shares at home to *your* children. Laura decided to join us during the challenging times last year as an aide in a 5 day 4 year old class, this expresses how much she truly cares and we thank her!



Alice Tom – Toddler Teacher: Alice joined Creative Play in 2020, yes that is correct, while so many were leaving schools Alice came charging in to her classroom greeting our youngest members with great care and compassion as well as high energy. You certainly need a good sense of humor while teaching 2 year olds and Alice’s laughter can be heard down the hallway! Alice has 5 children who enjoyed the Creative Play experience so we feel as though Alice has been a staff member for the past 14 years.



Dawn Ferrara – Teacher’s Aide: Dawn has remained committed to Creative Play long after her two children graduated the program. Dawn has helped numerous families with their work responsibilities inside the classroom. Dawn has shown an ease in multi-tasking and adapting to different teaching styles as well as she has shown great character in her ability to be flexible. Dawn has been a long term substitute aide in our UPK class among many different roles. We welcome Dawn as a staff member this year and we are excited she agreed to join us!