



MONTESSORI IN MOTION TEACHING STAFF



Michelle Vassallo is happy to be working for a Town that offers so many wonderful classes to the community. Michelle established the “Montessori in Motion” preschool in January 2007. She’s thrilled to be offering a quality, affordable Montessori program. Michelle is a certified Montessori infant- toddler and primary teacher. She received her certification from the Pacific Coast Montessori Teacher Training Program through UCSF. She also has an ECE Teaching Certificate from the SRJC. Previously, she taught at two local Montessori schools. Throughout her career she also taught traditional preschool, tutored special needs children and volunteered at many organizations benefiting children. What inspires her about teaching is “I learn something from the children everyday. The spontaneous joy children have in all that they see and discover makes me grateful to be able to experience the wonder through their eyes! Their innate curiosity, innocence, and kindness make them amazing role models!”

Denise Steele has been a teacher in the “Montessori in Motion” preschool since 2009. She attended the Montessori Teacher Education Center in San Leandro completing the Montessori Assistant program, holds a State of California Child Development Master Teacher Certificate and has an A.A. in Child Development and an A.A. in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Early Childhood Education. Denise has operated her own licensed childcare and has worked with children in a variety of ways for many years. “I love being a preschool teacher because I am able to help children build a strong foundation that not only prepares them for school, but it also prepares them for life, to love life and to love learning. I feel privileged to be a part of their smiles and laughter in Windsor’s wonderful quality preschool program.”



Diana Amaya has been part of Montessori in Motion since 2010. She holds a Teacher Certificate in Early Childhood Education from Santa Rosa Junior College and has an Associate Degree in Child Development. Diana, a native Spanish speaker, offers interacting bilingual lessons to students. She enjoys working with children and she says, “I enjoy working with children since they are always filled with joy and happiness which rubs off on me.” When not teaching, Diana enjoys hiking, spending time with her husband and daughters.