



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!”



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.



Julie Riedel is very excited to work in the Montessori in Motion classroom this year. She holds a teaching credential from Sonoma State and has completed many child development classes at Santa Rosa Junior College. She has worked with preschool aged children for over five years and has found she loves this age. She loves seeing the world through children’s eyes as it helps remind her to appreciate the little things in life such as leaves blowing in the wind, which can be quite spectacular. She has three children of her own and has recently moved to Windsor from Santa Rosa. She is excited to become a part of the community she is growing to love.