

Our Teachers

When students and parents are asked, "What makes Tigard Playschool special?" the answer is inevitably "our teachers!" Our teachers give our children self-confidence and self-esteem that makes them eager to learn and try new things. All of our teachers attend professional workshops and conferences and are members of the Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Teacher Susie

School Director, 2/3 Blend, MA & Pre-K Instructor

Susie Long-Clark has been a teacher at Tigard Playschool since 1990. She earned her degree in Early Childhood Education and has been involved in the education of young children since 1979. Additionally, she has served on the State Board of Parent Child Preschools of Oregon (PCPO).

Susie has a passion for teaching and encourages children to express their unique talents and interests while exploring new activities and building friendships. The activities in her classroom foster growth in each child's social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development. Children are readily drawn to Susie's enthusiastic approach to learning and dynamic energy in the classroom.

In February of 2000, Susie won a District award from PCPI (Parent Co-op Preschools International). The award was given in appreciation of her outstanding contributions to the organization and to the parent cooperative preschool movement. Susie was one of

only three people to receive this distinction and honor.

Teacher Kayla

4's Instructor

Kayla McAfee holds a degree in Early Childhood Education and has seven years of preschool teaching experience. The last eight years she has been a stay at home mom with five of those years involved in preschool co-ops. Three of her children have attended Tigard Playschool.

Kayla is compassionate, patient and nurturing with a love of all children. Kayla lives in Tigard with her husband and four daughters, enjoys literature, Broadway musicals and spending time with her family!

Teacher Saadia

Teaching Assistant

Saadia Sheikh has been a stay at home mom for nineteen years. Her son attended a co-op playschool in Albuquerque and both of her daughters attended Tigard Playschool. Needless to say she is a big fan of TPI! She has a college degree in Economics and English Literature. She also has Early Childhood Education credits and plans to get her certificate in the future.

Saadia is passionate about children, family and reading. She is also active in volunteer activities involving a local youth group and a homeless shelter. Her basic philosophy about children is that they need our patience, understanding and time. Each child is unique and whereas certain rules need to be followed

by all, some rules need to be bent for and adapted to individual children.

Teacher Taegen

Teaching Assistant

Taegen Reed attended the University of Maine at Farmington and received a Bachelor of Arts in English and History. Moving to Oregon in 2001, she now lives with her husband and 2 children in Tigard. After being a stay at home mom for 5 years, she is excited about the upcoming school year.

Taegen loves to be creative in all aspects of life from music, to art, to gardening, to crafts, and to photography. She loves watching preschoolers discover and experiment with their own creativity.

Tigard Playschool has become important to Taegen and her family. The parent teacher co-op is an amazing journey which enables you to be involved in your preschoolers introduction to school. She says, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my parent teaching days, and I look forward to spending the afternoons as the Assistant Teacher with the PreK class." Her son Kolby will be in the Pre K class and her daughter Lakyn, will be in Kindergarten this year.

Our Classes

- ❖ **2/3 blend Class**
Tue/Thr 9am-11:30am
Instructor – Susie
Annual Tuition \$860
Children must be 2 by 9/1/2010
Maximum enrollment of 18 students

- ❖ **Mixed Age**
Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-11:30am
Instructor – Susie
Annual Tuition \$1260
Children must be 3 by 9/1/2010
Maximum enrollment of 18 students

- ❖ **4's Class**
Mon/Wed/Fri 9:30am-12:30pm
Instructor – Kayla
Annual Tuition \$1530
Children must be 4 by 11/15/2010
Maximum enrollment of 22 students

- ❖ **Pre-K Class**
Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri 1pm-4pm
Instructor – Susie
Annual Tuition \$2340
Children must be 4 by 9/1/2010
Maximum enrollment of 22 students

All tuition rates apply to the 2010-2011 school year.

A **non-refundable** registration fee of \$75.00 per child, per year, is due at the time of registration along with the first tuition payment of the year. When more than one child is enrolled in the school, there is a 10% discount on the least expensive tuition. Tuition may be paid either in installments or as a lump-sum payment. A 3% discount is given for lump-sum payments. Holidays and vacations coincide with the Tigard-Tualatin School District. Tigard Playschool, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents and teachers work together as a team to create a safe and secure environment in which our children will learn and grow. Parental involvement is crucial to the overall success of the school! A co-op allows and requires more involvement than a traditional school. Parent responsibilities include:

- ❖ **Parent Teaching** – The teacher-directed program uses parent teachers to provide a low child to adult ratio. Within each class, 3 to 4 adults parents-teach each school day. Having the extra adults in the classroom allows the teacher to teach, support spontaneous ideas from the children, and observe individual students for activity and curriculum planning. Parents will observe classroom activities, teacher/child interactions and their children's successes when they work in the classroom 2 - 3 times a month. Under the guidance of the teacher, they will help coordinate activities, supervise the playground and assist in general cleanup. Additionally, based on the class in which the child is enrolled, parents will help

open the school in August or close the school in June.

- ❖ **Committees** – Every family has an active part in the school operations by serving on a committee or holding a position on the Board of Directors. The choice of committees varies widely and every effort is made to match a family to the committee or position of their choice.

- ❖ **Meetings** – By attending three mandatory general meetings and two mandatory class meetings throughout the year, parents will be well informed, receive parent education and have ample opportunity to voice concerns, offer suggestions and ask questions.

- ❖ **Orientation** – Prior to the beginning of school, at least one parent from each family will attend an orientation to help pave the way to a successful transition into the new school year.

- ❖ **Fundraising** – To keep tuition costs low, each family is asked to participate in fundraising to benefit the school. The fundraising commitment is \$250 per year. Several fundraising projects are offered to help families easily reach this commitment. A buyout is available for families choosing not to participate in the events. A multi-child discount is available.