



Curriculum Corner

This month, we are featuring a classroom from our Norristown center! They transformed their room for the exercise study. The amazing set up includes a yoga studio, gym, and healthy smoothie bar! Check out these adorable pictures to see students exploring and learning about health, wellness, and movement.



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Jen Bogle

Jen Bogle, one of our longest working teachers, recently took time to share some of her thoughts and experiences related to the ECE field! Growing up babysitting and having a younger sister, Jen has always had a natural maternal instinct. She has many years of experience and says that the most rewarding thing about her work is when "the light bulb turns on and they get the objective of what I'm teaching them; seeing their face when they understand something." The joy that comes from helping children learn and grow is what Jen finds the most rewarding.



Collegeville Teacher Jen Bogle

Working in the ECE field is fulfilling, but also comes with its challenges, which every teacher knows. Jensays that one of the most challenging things about working in the field is learning "how to help a child in the way that they need to be successful because each child is so unique." Although this is challenging, Jen still finds endless joy in working with and teaching young children. Her favorite part of the day is circle time, because she gets to convene with her whole class and share knowledge, plus the children get so excited about it!

When asked about her hopes and dreams for her students, Jen said "I hope that they take the tools I have given them, and can carry them for the rest of their lives." She also shared advice for future teachers saying, "Be very flexible and patient, no child fits a cookie cutter mold." Jen's years of experience and deep love for her students' make her an amazing teacher, and we are so lucky to have her at Play & Learn!

Dee Tarmin

Dee Tarmin is another one of our teachers at Collegeville who has been in the field, and with Play & Learn, for a very long time. She has been with us for 27 years, and says that babysitting when she was young and loving to help children learn is what brought her to the ECE field. She said, "Seeing children learn new things and grasp something that they've been learning for a while... helping them reach milestones and being there the first time they do or say something you're teaching them..." is the most rewarding thing about the work.

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Dee's two favorite parts of the day in her classroom are circle time and outside time. When talking about circle time, she said, "We sing songs, go over our color book, and make animal sounds. The kids are starting to sing along to the book I do which is so fun. Even though its short and simple, it's such a teaching time and I love seeing them pick up new things." In addition to her love for circle time, she loves outdoor play time because she gets to run around and be silly with her students, while getting fresh air.

Her main goal as a young toddler teacher is to prepare her children for their next classroom. She stated, "My goal is to keep them safe, healthy, and try to teach them as much as I possibly can so they are prepared for the rules and routines in the next room." Dee's love for her students and her desire to see them learn is what makes her such a special teacher. We are so happy to have her shaping young minds in our center!

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Monday, February 19th: CLOSED for Teacher In-Service

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