

Moorpark Preschool State Staff Bios

Campus Canyon Preschool

Lead Teacher - Maria Avila Morales

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

My name is Mrs. Maria, and I am very excited to be your Preschool Teacher at Campus Canyon! I can't wait to get to know you and learn all about you. I am looking forward to a fun-filled year filled with meaningful learning experiences, new friendships, lots of laughter, and wonderful memories. I'm so excited for all the adventures we will share together!

EDUCATION

I received my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education through the University of La Verne.

I have been in the field of Early Childhood Education for over 25 years and this is my 12th year at Campus Canyon.

CONTACT ME!

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FAVORITES

When I am not in the classroom, I love spending time with my family! ♥

My favorite color is turquoise, and I love shopping at Target and Amazon. I'm a coffee and dark chocolate aficionado! Some of my hobbies include: going on walks, raising butterflies, baking sourdough recipes, and cooking!

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

My name is Aimee Pratt and I am a new Child Development Associate Teacher for MUSD. I work with Ms. Maria at Campus Canyon and Ms. Yesenia at Walnut Canyon.

EDUCATION

*I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Child Development from Long Beach State University. I've had the pleasure of teaching Preschool through 5th grade over the last 25 years.

*Master Teacher Permit

*AA Child Development

*Mortgage Broker License

CONTACT ME!

You can find me at Campus Canyon Academy in the mornings or Walnut Canyon Elementary in the afternoons.

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FAVORITES

I enjoy hiking, reading, spending time listening to live music with my husband and friends, going to the beach and walking my 15 year old dog at the lake.

Flory Preschool

Margarita Nateras - P1 AM and PM classes

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

I'm Miss. Margarita and I teach Preschool in room P-1 at the Early Childhood Center. I'm excited to welcome all new and returning students. My goal is provide a caring, stimulating and cooperative learning environment for all children.

CONTACT ME!

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EDUCATION

I received my Bachelor's degree in Child Development from Cal State University Northridge.(1999). I have worked for Moorpark Unified School District for 25 years .

FAVORITES

I love spending time with my family , going for walks on the beach, dancing and singing to my favorite music! I enjoy coffee , dark chocolate and candles. I love to shop at Target, Michael's and Tj Maxx .

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

My name is Ms. Elena, and am the AM Paraeducator in Ms. Margarita's class. Originally from Moldova, I have always loved education and working with children. I speak Romanian, Russian, and English fluently, along with some conversational Spanish. I look forward to creating a fun, caring and welcoming environment for every student.

EDUCATION

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from my home country and have worked in the medical field in the US for several years. This is my fourth year working at ECC-Flory and I love it! I like working with young children, helping them learn and watching them explore the world through play. I am a lifelong learner and enjoy the new training and learning programs that we receive each year.

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Moorpark Preschools - ECC
Room P1

FAVORITES

I enjoy spending time with my husband and our three daughters, watching detectives and romantic comedies, traveling, gardening and cooking with my family. I love parakeets, beautiful sunsets at the beach and shopping at Kohl's and Target.

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

My name is Denise! I'm so excited to be part of this wonderful team and to begin a new school year filled with learning, growing, and making meaningful memories with the children.

EDUCATION

I have a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a specialization in Human Resources.

After working in the HR field, I decided to follow my passion for working with children and pursue a career in Early Childhood Education.

I completed a certification in Early Childhood Education through UCLA and hold a Child Development Associate Teacher Permit.

CONTACT ME!

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Moorpark Preschools - ECC
Room P1

FAVORITES

I love staying active and exploring! I enjoy hiking, running, and discovering new places. I also love reading thrillers, especially stories that keep me guessing until the very end!

And a few things that always make my day better: matcha and chocolate! 😊

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

My name is Ms. Marissa and I am excited and grateful to be your child's Teacher. I love being an Educator, it is a privilege and my calling. I have a passion for creating a safe, loving, fun and engaging learning environment. I believe in fostering the love for learning through hands-on activities and creative projects. My goal is to create a supportive and inclusive classroom where all students feel empowered to learn and grow!

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EDUCATION

- I earned my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Child Development and graduated as an Honors Student from California State University, Northridge in 2018. (CSUN)
- I have worked with preschool aged students for over 15 years
- "The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn." ~ Maria Montessori

FAVORITES

I love spending time with my family and traveling to new places, especially traveling to Japan since my son lives in Tokyo. I love going on adventurous hiking trails and bike rides. I love watching inspirational movies. I love listening to music. I enjoy shopping at Target, Marshalls and Amazon. I like eating at Subway and Chipotle .

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

Hola! Me llamo Ms. Marissa y estoy emocionada y agradecida de ser la maestra de su hijo/a. Me encanta ser educadora; es un privilegio y mi vocación. Me apasiona crear un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro, cariñoso, divertido y atractivo. Creo en inculcar el amor por el aprendizaje mediante actividades prácticas y proyectos creativos. Mi objetivo es crear un salón de clases inclusivo y de apoyo donde todos los estudiantes se sientan empoderados para aprender y crecer!

EDUCATION

- Obtuve mi Licenciatura en Desarrollo Infantil y me gradué con honores de la Universidad Estatal de California, Northridge, en 2018 (CSUN).
- He trabajado con estudiantes en edad preescolar durante más de 15 años.
- "El objetivo de la educación en la primera infancia debe ser despertar el deseo natural del niño de aprender." ~ Maria Montessori

CONTACT ME!

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Room P-2
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FAVORITES

Me encanta pasar tiempo con mi familia y viajar a nuevos lugares, especialmente a Japón, ya que mi hijo vive en Tokio. Me encanta hacer rutas de senderismo y andar en bicicleta. Me encanta ver películas inspiradoras. Me encanta escuchar música. Disfruto comprar en las tiendas Target, Marshalls y Amazon. Me gusta comer en Subway y Chipotle.

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

My name is Claudia Saleh and I am the AM paraeducator of Ms. Marissa's class. I am so thrilled to be part of the ECC family! I am very grateful to be part of such a wonderful team and to have the privilege of working with your children. I am looking forward to learning, growing, and making this a great school year together.

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P-2

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EDUCATION

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from my home country.
- Volunteer experience with Moorpark Unified School District, supporting students from Kindergarten through 2nd grade.
- Completed MUSD AND ECC training focused on Early Childhood Education, classroom practices, child safety and supporting children's learning and development.

FAVORITES

I love spending time with my family. I especially enjoy taking my children to their activities and cheering them on at their soccer games. I also enjoy crocheting, cooking, and traveling. I like to stay active by doing Zumba, walking, and running outdoors. I am learning to sew and enjoy making simple clothing alterations for my children and myself. In my free time I enjoy reading inspirational and personal growth books.

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

I'm Ms. Liz, and I'm excited to learn, grow, and have fun with your child!

EDUCATION

I received my Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from the University of La Verne. I also hold a Child Development Site Supervisor Permit.

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7008

Room P8

FAVORITES

I enjoy time with family and my dog, along with traveling, cooking, exercising, and shopping.

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

Hello! My name is Mrs. Danielle. This is my second year as a para for the preschool but have 15 plus years working in childcare. I look forward to working with you and your children and see how much we learn together over the next year.

EDUCATION

December 2014, I received my Bachelors degree in Earth Sciences at The Ohio State University. Prior to this, I helped at a childcare while in high school and college. While in high school, I went to a technical school where I received my state tested nursing assistant license. I was working towards a BS at Ohio University for nursing and was close to receiving a minor in Psychology. I have also taken quite a few early childhood trainings through the VCOE.

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FAVORITES

I love spending time with my family and getting to see my family in Ohio. I love going swimming, reading, hiking or going on walks, going to the beach, and watching movies with my two daughters. I also love Halloween time, playing in the snow, enjoying the different seasons, cooking, baking and enjoying my morning cafe de olla.

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

Hello! My name is Ms. Yoli. I am so excited to be teaching in this fabulous school district. Thank you for sharing your children with me. I look forward to exploring with them and learning together!

EDUCATION

I have been working with preschool children for 20+ years.

I got my Child Development Degree at Moorpark College.

I was the director and a teacher for First Five Ready Set Grow Preschool Program, working very closely with parents, teachers and children.

I have participated in many workshops and trainings to advance my knowledge of Early Childhood Education.

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FAVORITES

I love spending time with my 3 daughters and my dogs. We enjoy the beach, nature and traveling. I love going to Disneyland and taking walks. I really enjoy watching my girls play sports! I'm a big foodie and enjoy concerts.

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

I am Ms. Nancy and I am the paraeducator for Campus Canyon AM class. I Love working with small children to help them learn, grow and discover new things. There is nothing more rewarding than to see a child get excited over learning and discovering new talents.

EDUCATION

I received my associates degree in liberal studies.

CONTACT ME!

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FAVORITES

Activities: Enjoy the sunshine and sunsets and coffee in the morning

Things: Rottweilers, anything that sparkles, and plants/flowers

Places: Disneyland and Dodger games

Stores: Hallmark, Bath and Body works, Target, Hobby Lobby and Walmart

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

Hello, my name is Krissy Pecora, or Miss Krissy. I'm so excited to be assisting for my 5th year as a paraeducator with ECC! I love working with children & helping them grow. I work at Walnut Canyon Preschool PM class with Ms Yesenia.

EDUCATION

I have attended a handful of California junior colleges & Sacramento State University. I have my AA & plan to finish my BA or BS degree when my family is a bit more independent.

I love Science, Biology, Plant Biology, Botany, English, Writing, Psychology, Child Psychology & always Early Childhood Development.

Your children teach us every day!

CONTACT ME!

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FAVORITES

I love spending time with my family & pets. I love tinkering in my garden, baking, trying new recipes & reading. I wish I had more time for painting, art, quilting & biking.

Walnut CanyonPreschool

Yesenia Burgara - Lead Teacher

MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

I'm Yesenia Burgara, and I am so happy to be teaching your little ones in preschool. I'm looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with learning, exploring, growing, and making lots of special memories together.

EDUCATION

I earned my Bachelor's degree from California State University, Northridge, and my Associate's degree in Child Development from Moorpark College. I also hold a Child Development Teacher Permit.

CONTACT ME!

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Preschool
Room P2

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FAVORITES

I enjoy spending time in nature, especially hiking and traveling. I'm a big Dodgers baseball fan. My favorite of all is spending time with my family.



MEET THE TEACHER



HELLO!

My name is Desney Harding. I am a paraeducator MUSD. this is my fourth year. i am excited to be working with your children and bonding with them.

EDUCATION

i have a high school diploma. but i have worked with all ages. i have worked with mostly young ones.

CONTACT ME!

early childhood center

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FAVORITES

i love to play tennis and swim. but most of all i love playing and interacting with the young ones. I enjoy drinking starbucks.

