




Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am so pleased that you have considered Gateway Kindergarten and Preschool for your child's school experience. I look forward to working with you to make this year a great success - academically, socially, and emotionally - for your child.

I am entering my twenty-sixth year of teaching and my nineteenth year at Gateway. I have taught a variety of grades during my career ranging from pre-K to third grade in both private and public school settings, but kindergarten has been my favorite. I have a degree in business and worked for the American Heart Association early in my career. I later received my teaching certificate in elementary education at the University of Arizona and eventually my Masters in Education from Harvard University.

I am a transplanted southwesterner. I grew-up in San Diego and Tucson. My husband, Ed, and I have been married for twenty-eight years. We lived in Texas and Rhode Island before moving to Indianapolis, Ed's hometown, in 1999. While I miss the mountains and warm winters of Tucson, I love living in Indiana with the change of seasons and the many family members close by. I am a big reader, I love to travel, and I spent many years as a volunteer in the Lawrence Township schools.



Ed and I have two terrific kids. Alexandra is twenty-four and a graduate of Indiana University. She majored in environmental management and is currently working in Hawaii and loving it. Our son Taylor is twenty-two and a senior at DePauw University. He is in the Media Fellows program and did an internship in Philadelphia and in Nashville. He is the Sports Director for the campus radio station and focused on finding his first "real" job.

I am excited to start this new school year. I look forward to the privilege of working with your children and making this year something special. Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions or concerns. I believe that the parent/teacher partnership is the key to each child's success and welcome your involvement.



Sincerely,

Nancy Richardson

