



Dear Families,

I am so excited for this upcoming school year! This year is full of new beginnings, including our new home at St Paul's Episcopal Church, new teaching model, and lots of new faces. Creative Discoveries had been located at Westminster Presbyterian for many years but at the end of the last school year we had to move due to restructuring at the church. As we packed up the school and began the adventure of finding a new location, new hopes and dreams started to develop. One of the beautiful things about being a part of a co-op preschool is being able to shape the school and make the dreams and visions of the parents come true. I am looking forward to hearing all of your dreams and ideas.

I have been a special education teacher where I saw first hand how education politics stood in the way of truly listening to parents and families. I quickly became disheartened and decided the world of teaching may not be my calling. I stayed close with my families I had met and became their advocate, their cheerleader through coaching Special Olympics, as well as consulting. I took many different jobs before becoming a preschool teacher in Colorado. Working with Toddlers and their families brought me great joy. After becoming a parent, I knew that I always wanted to be a part of my children's education. After moving to Salem and finding Creative Discoveries when my oldest was a toddler, I was thrilled to find a program that allows parents to be involved in their educational environment.

I truly believe that when a parent can help their children navigate these early experiences in a classroom setting, they will have the skills, confidence, and desire to learn, and social skills to navigate the next phase in their lives. Some of these children will go on to public school, private school, or homeschool and I am so grateful I can be a part of this as Board President of Creative Discoveries. I hope as a collective we can create something wonderful, and I am here to listen any time! I can be reached via email at cammio21@yahoo.com or phone 503-314-1394.

Here is to a super year,
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