

Sue Monahan, Teacher



- Bachelors degree in Human Development and Family Studies with an emphasis in Early Childhood Development from Colorado State University
- Moved to Seattle from Colorado in 1991
- Lead Teacher and Team Leader at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center for 12 years
- Teacher at Kirkland Preschool since 2010

"After moving from Colorado to Washington I met my husband, Jim, in 1993 and we were married in 1998. Our son Danny was born in Guatemala in 2003 and we adopted him in 2004.

Danny attended Kirkland Preschool prior to starting Kindergarten. I always enjoyed volunteering in the classroom and appreciated all of the time and thought put into all of the engaging and fun activities provided for the children. During that time at Kirkland Preschool I met many great families and have friends I still keeps in touch with today.

Most of my family stills lives in Colorado, so my family and I enjoy taking trips to Colorado to visit them. Often times it is over winter break, so while we are there we take advantage of the winter ski season, by skiing at our favorite ski areas.

I was inspired to work for Kirkland Preschool after my son had such a positive and memorable experience. Since I started working at Kirkland Preschool, I have enjoyed being part of a great team and having the opportunity to use my creativity and experience working with children in such a multifaceted way. Each teacher brings special talents and gifts they share and naturally enhance the overall experience in the classroom.

In the beginning of the school year I love that time is taken to get to know each child and their family so everyone feels involved throughout the school year.

One of my favorite children's books is [My Many Colored Days](#) by Dr. Seuss. This book is a colorful and thought provoking depiction of the many different emotions we feel. I also love collage related art projects. They allow the children to use a variety of materials and textures to create whatever they would like.

My favorite field trip we take is the Juanita Wetlands. I enjoy engaging the children by listening carefully, watching and searching for wildlife and helping them experience being surrounded by the natural beauty right in our neighborhood.

Kirkland Preschool is an inviting, fun and engaging experience and I enjoy being a part of creating that for the children in our class."