

Preschool Program

Faculty Profiles 2013-2014

Recreation Program Coordinator **Roberta Flondor** has worked for the Village of Orland Park Recreation Department since 1979, and considers herself very lucky to have enjoyed her job for so long! In addition to Preschool, Miss Rob is also involved with the Lunch & More, Summer Safety, and Summer Day Camp programs. Rob looks forward to meeting all of the students and their families, and to making their preschool experience a rewarding one.

This is **Jane Baffes'** sixth year teaching preschool and loving every minute of it! She has lived in Orland Park for nine years with her husband of sixteen years and their two children. Jane enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She loves reading and tries to incorporate exercise in her daily routine. She looks forward to another wonderful year!

This will be **Maureen Conrad's** eighth year teaching preschool. She has lived in Orland Park most of her life. Maureen and her husband have five terrific children that have all attended the Orland Park Preschool program. She enjoys working with the children and is looking forward to another great year.

This will be **DeeAnn Gerry's** tenth year with the preschool program. She and her family live in Orland Park. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Western Illinois University and has volunteered in her daughters' schools, served as a Girl Scout co-leader and has taught Sunday School at her church. She enjoys walking her dog, cooking, reading, and fishing. DeeAnn looks forward to another exciting fun-filled year.

Gale Gogolew has been involved with the Orland Park Preschool Program for thirteen years and with summer Kinderlot Camp for five years. She holds both Bachelor and Master Degrees in Business Administration from Illinois Institute of Technology, and a Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Saint Xavier University. Gale is anticipating a fun year ahead, filled with many valuable learning opportunities.

Julie Hildebrand is excited to start her third year with the Preschool and Lunch & More programs. She has lived in Orland Park for the past eight years with her husband and four children, three of whom graduated from the program. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She has been involved with Girl Scouts and enjoys volunteering in her children's schools. She is looking forward to another fun and wonderful year!

Kelly Kenny and her family live in Orland Park and she has been with the Preschool and Lunch & More programs going on thirteen years. She is also a personal trainer and fitness instructor. Kelly teaches the preschool "Fitness and More" class at the Sportsplex for four to six year olds and teaches the "Fitness Camp" in the summer. She likes to incorporate health, nutrition and fitness in their daily lives and loves working with children and watching them grow. She always learns something new and hopes that they do too! Kelly has been married to Jim for twenty-five years and they have four children, all of which have graduated from the Preschool program.

Terri Mayer loves working with the children at this age and giving them a great first experience as they begin their school career. She has over 20 years of experience working in Early Childhood and is looking forward to her 15th year with the Village of Orland Park's preschool program. Terri and her family have lived in Orland Park for 20 years and she enjoys gardening, walking, reading, and spending quality time with her family.

Kim Merrick is excited to begin her eleventh year as a preschool instructor! She graduated from Fox College with an Associate's Degree in Business. She and her husband, Monte, and their three children reside in Tinley Park. In her spare time, Ms. Kim enjoys spending time with friends and family, scrapbooking, and walking. She is looking forward to an awesome preschool year!

Mara Mitchell is looking forward to her fifth year with the Preschool and Lunch & More programs. She and her husband have lived in Orland Park for over fourteen years with their three daughters. Mara enjoys coaching various OYA teams, volunteering at her daughters' schools, reading, and playing volleyball. She feels very blessed to be doing what she loves . . . working with children!

JoAnn Perk has lived in Orland Park with her husband Jim, for seventeen years. They have four children, three girls and one boy. She has an Associate's Degree with a major in Early Childhood Education. This is her seventh year as a preschool teacher with the Village of Orland Park. Three of her children have attended the preschool program. She is looking forward to meeting you and your child, and promises to make this school year a fun and positive experience.

This will be **Julie Shapiro's** sixth year with the Preschool program. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Auburn University. Julie and her husband, John, have lived in Orland Park for the last thirteen years and have two children. In her spare time, Julie enjoys reading, sewing, and playing with her dog.

Jenny Sheehan is in her eighth year with the Lunch & More program. Jenny is a graduate of DePaul University, where she received her B.A. Degree in Communications. She and her husband Tom have lived in Orland Park for fourteen years. They have two daughters, both of whom graduated from the Preschool program. Jenny is currently serving in various capacities with School District 230 PFE. She enjoys working out at the Sportsplex. Jenny is looking forward to working with your child this year.

Anne TerBorg has been a preschool teacher for thirteen years. She is very excited to have just finished her third year with the summer Kinderlot Camp and start her fourth year with Orland Park Preschool. She has been married for thirty-three years and has two daughters: one in college and her oldest is married. Anne is a grandmother that loves playing with and babysitting her grandson. Anne belongs to a bowling league, enjoys exercise classes at the Sportsplex, and volunteers in the children's programs at her church.

Stephany Walsh is looking forward to starting her second year with the Preschool program. Stephany studied Early Childhood at Moraine Valley Community College and is working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Special Education and Elementary Education. Stephany also works for the Village's Special Recreation department and loves volunteering her free time to Special Olympics.

Jeannie Zuelke moved to Orland Park after her husband, Garry, retired from the Chicago Police Department with thirty years of service. They have one daughter. This will be Jeannie's eighth year with the preschool program. Her room is so much fun; she likes to call it the "Fun Zone". Jeannie can't wait to get started with all her new friends.

Sandy Zumerling looks forward to beginning her sixteenth year with the Village's Preschool program. The Zumerling family has lived in Orland Park for more than twenty-five years. Sandy and her husband, Joe, have two children, who are both Preschool alumni. Their son graduated from college last year and their daughter is attending a university in Illinois. Sandy enjoys spending time with her family, reading, cooking, and walking her dog Tanner.