

Meet the Teachers 2019:

Miss Claire Begley has been part of the Duchesne Summer Camp team for the past six years. Claire has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education from MCC and has experience working in both Catholic and public school systems in Omaha. Her passions include music and dance and she is so excited to be returning to Duchesne for the 2019 summer camp season.

Mrs. Carol Bilunas has worked in the Duchesne Preschool for over 10 years. She is a teacher assistant in the Pre-K classroom. She attended Creighton University and graduated with a BA in Psychology. Carol's passion is art. She enjoys painting, quilting, working with fiber arts, and sharing her art with the children. Carol is so excited to be back with us again this summer for the sixth year!

Mrs. Linda Christiani has taught young children for 25 years in elementary schools in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Germany. She graduated from Florida International University in Miami with a BS in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood Education. She has spent the last 20 years at Duchesne Preschool and 15 of those years as the Lead Pre-K teacher. This is Linda's sixth year with summer camps!

Mrs. Terry Kerrey has joined the Duchesne Preschool staff as an Extended Care teacher. Although this is her first year working at Duchesne, she has been teaching young children for 36 years—more recently at Brownell Talbot as a Junior Kindergarten and Preschool teacher. In addition, she has experience as a kindergarten, first grade and resource teacher with the Lincoln and Omaha Public Schools. Mrs. Kerrey has a B.S. from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a M.S. from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She is truly excited for this opportunity

and looks forward to being part of your child's summer experience.

Mrs. Kate Macias is happy to be coming back to Duchesne this summer! Kate previously worked at Duchesne Preschool for 11 years as the Spanish and PE teacher. In 2016, she left Duchesne to help start the Pre-K enrichment program at St. Pius X/St. Leo School in addition to teaching Spanish to grades K-4. Kate and her husband, Javier, have six children ages 16 years to 8 months. The five older Macias children are Duchesne Preschool graduates! (The youngest plans on attending Duchesne as soon as she's able!). Mrs. Macias graduated from Creighton University with a BA in both Spanish and English. She looks forward to being a part of the Duchesne Summer Camp team!

This is *Miss Mitzi Mangiameli's* 10th year working at Duchesne Preschool. She is our school portress as well as an Extended Care teacher. Mitzi went to St. Bernard's Catholic Grade School and then Roncalli Catholic High School. She graduated from UNO with a B.S. in Computer Science and worked as a computer programmer for many years. Miss Mitzi loves working with the children at Duchesne and is excited to be part of the Preschool Summer Camp team for for the sixth year!

Mrs. Teri Marek is a Teacher Assistant in the Pre-K class. She is a graduate of St. Mary's Catholic School and Gross High School and received her B.S.B.A. from Creighton University in Business Management with an emphasis in Human Resources. At Duchesne Mrs. Marek believes she has found her true calling of working with children in the classroom. This is her sixth year assisting in the K Jumpstart Camp. She looks forward to being a part of your child's educational experience.

Meet the Summer Enrichment Coordinator:

Most of you know me as “Mrs. Begley,” the Lead Nursery teacher at Duchesne Preschool. I am a graduate of Iowa State University (Go Cyclones!) with a BS in Education and Communications. Six years ago we held our first Preschool Summer Camps. We are happy to say that our camps continue to get better and better. We are excited to announce the quality programs and staff for the 2019 season. This year we are adding two *new* camps for your child’s summer fun, as well as two new camp teachers! I look forward to working with you and your child to ensure a memorable and enriching summer camp experience! Think Summer!

Mary Jo Begley