

MS. DIANE



I began working with preschool children as a graduate student in Child and Family Studies in 1980 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. I had been a foreign language student as an undergraduate, searching for a career direction when psychology class caught my attention. As I studied theories of development and especially Jean Piaget's work that described how children gain mastery and learn about the world, I was fascinated. Since then I have worked in preschools and day care centers with mixed age groups, infants, twos, threes, fours and 1/2 Day Kindergarteners and I still get excited at each "ah hah" moment that individual children have when they understand something new. I am passionate about designing an environment where those moments happen.

Twenty years ago, I traded that Tennessee orange (well not completely) for Wildcat blue as my family moved to Lexington. My husband, Martin, is a pastor here. Our church, Apostles Anglican, is close by on Colony Boulevard. We have two children and two granddaughters. My son, Alden, is in the Coast Guard. He and his family live in Seattle, Washington. I get occasional texts asking me for the title of a book he remembers from childhood and wants to now share with his girls. Our last visit with his family included a Lego building marathon and trips to watch Abbie at gymnastics and Allison at dance class. My daughter, Bethany, is currently on a five month mission trip in South America and the Caribbean. She thinks she will return to the States and pursue a career working with children. The two of us also share an interest in art and hiking.

I came to Faith Lutheran Learning Center in June of 2014, first drawn by the warm, family-like atmosphere. The support from parents and the administration here is wonderful. I am so pleased to be part of this team, offering our children an adventure in learning each day.