

CREW PROFILE



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Who or what inspired you to become a Kindergarten teacher?

My kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Weinberg, from Loving Elementary School was my inspiration. She made learning fun with the use of games and music. Most importantly, Mrs. Weinberg created a learning environment that made me feel safe and cared for that allowed me to grow as a learner. Just from being in her class, I knew that teaching kindergarten was my calling.

What do you love most about teaching Kindergarten scholars?

There is never a dull moment in the life of kindergarten! We are always learning and having fun! Even when I am overwhelmed with the more tedious parts of teaching, I can always count on my kindergarten scholars' personalities to help me push through. They help me to become a better teacher each day because of their desire to learn.

What advice do you have for parents who are seeking a school for their Kindergarten scholar?

I would definitely recommend a school that provides a safe and nurturing environment that provides scholars with opportunities to express themselves without judgment and have a choice in the ways they can learn and be challenged. Parents should also seek a kindergarten staff that has a genuine love for teaching their scholars, just as we do at University Prep & Art Design.

How does U Prep's program prepare Kindergarten scholars for their educational journey?

U Prep's program prepares kindergarten scholars for their educational journey by collaborating with colleagues to create the best educational experiences for each and every child. We at U Prep also believe that building and maintaining positive relationships with parents and working together, plays a significant role in their educational journey.

Describe a memorable experience that you had with a Kindergarten scholar in your classroom?

Offentimes during this virtual learning, I feel like I'm not doing enough for my scholars. It was when a struggling scholar answered a question correctly then looked over at her mom and said, "I got it right because Ms. Bowman believes in me and I work hard and listen.", that made me stop doubting myself. It made me believe that what I was doing for my scholars was in fact enough because I gave them the confidence to try their best and to grow as learners.

What philosophical saying or belief do you live by?

It warms my heart when scholars tell me that they love being in school to learn. The love that I have for them and their desire to learn is what pushes me to help them grow. Just as I learn from them, I want them to learn from me and to have joy in their educational journey.

University Prep Schools provides a culturally responsive educational experience for our scholars that builds that academic competence, habits of work and scholarship, and self-actualization empowering them to successfully accomplish their post-secondary plans, as well as socially and civically engaged as change agents for themselves and their community.



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