

2019 Message from The Directors:

Hopefully everyone is having a successful year! Although many of you may not be ready to start thinking of summer plans, we are already planning and preparing for another wonderful Sunshine Group session. As you might already know, this summer will be Barbara's last summer as the Director of the Sunshine Group. Barbara has been vital part of the program for over 30 years and has been the Director since 2000.

This year, I will be working alongside Barbara as a Co-Director and will take on the position as Director next summer. Please allow me to give you a little more information about myself:

#### I Am an Educator

I have several years of experience working in classrooms at various age levels and with children of varying ability levels. As a 3rd grade teacher, I have experience in both special education and inclusion classrooms. I am currently working on my Masters in Special Education.

I am able to support students by regulating behavior and by accommodating and supporting their communication and social-emotional skills. I am excited to use my experience as an educator to support the social-emotional growth of both the staff and the children as we play, learn and have fun each summer.

#### I Love to Play

Although I may not be a regular at the gym, I stay active by doing what I love the most - playing sports! I play volleyball and softball, but I am willing to give anything a try (frisbee, golf, hockey) and love learning new games.

#### I Love to Smile

I enjoy telling jokes and making puns. I love learning about others and making connections with new people. One of the major reasons that I continue to spend my summers in Medway with The Sunshine Group is the impact that I have seen the program have on the children and the staff (including myself!). The smiles created by small moments of friendship, success, teamwork, respect and compassion have kept me coming back for more. Let's keep the smiles coming!

Please contact me with any questions you may have about our program. I look forward to talking more with you as the summer approaches!

Best Regards,

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