



Miss Connie

Welcome to the Blue Room! I am so excited to get back into the classroom! Here is a little background information about me. I taught 3rd grade for 12 years and am now going into year 8 (lost count) here at the GCC Preschool. During the summer, I am a coordinator for our School Age Summer Camp. So if you need to find me, I will most likely be at the Rec Center!

I am from Widefield, Colorado Springs. I have a Bachelors in Elementary Education and a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. I also have a credential level IV through Colorado Shines which makes me Director qualified.

In my free time, I enjoy reading, watching movies, scanning Pinterest for cool Preschool ideas, and spending time with my beautiful little girl, who is also a GCC Preschool alumni! I'm more of an introvert so I truly appreciate and need some quiet time by myself.

I love working at the GCC Preschool! This is a second home for me and my daughter and everyone is truly family. I am looking forward to spending a year playing and learning with all my little Dolphins!



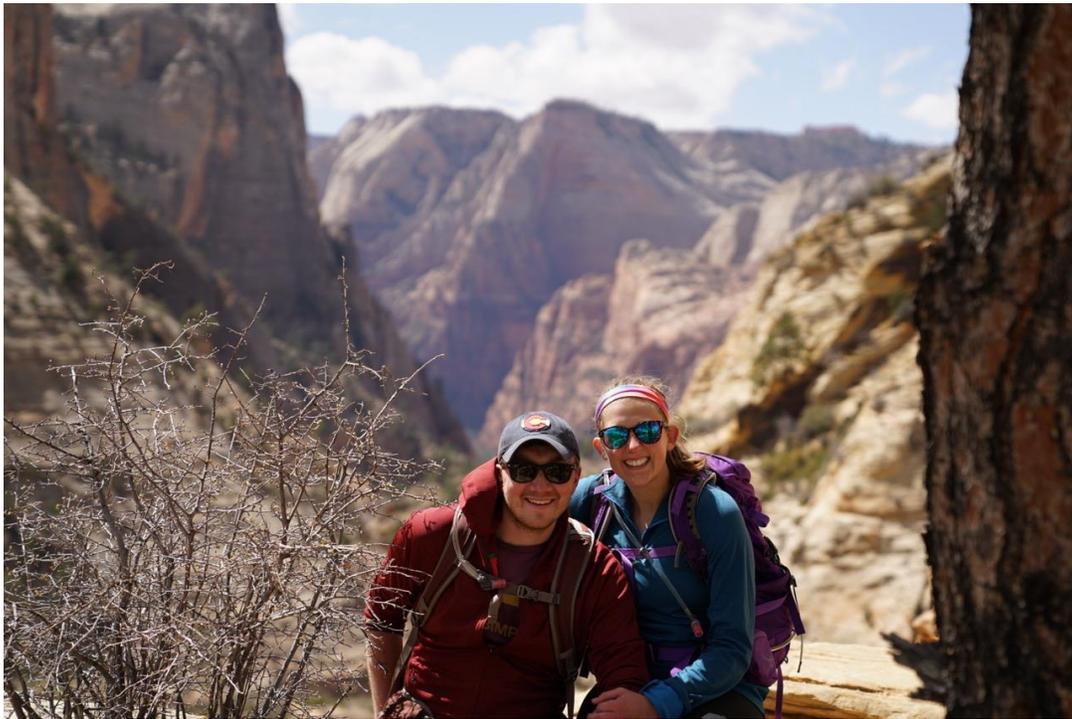
Ms. Julie

My name is Julie Adkins and I'm a Colorado Native. I have been in early childhood education for a *very* long time. I have worn many hats in this field, most importantly I often plug into my inner child. 😊

I have worked with the City of Golden team for almost 6 years, and we have such wonderful teachers! We are like a family here and that is what makes my job so wonderful and why I smile on my way to work and on my way home! 😊

I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Psychology. I also have a master's degree in Early Childhood Education with a license in Special Education. I love what I do!

My husband Stretch (his real name is Jason) and I enjoy a healthy social life and many outdoor activities, and spending time with each other and our friends.



Ms. Anna

I am so excited to be teaching at the Golden Community Center Preschool again! I started my teaching career at GCC and taught for 1 ½ years. Last year, my husband and I relocated to MN and I taught kindergarten for 1 year. Now life has brought us to CO again and I am so grateful to be back the GCC preschool!

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls back in December of 2016. My bachelor's degree is in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood Education. I love working with children and have even ventured to other parts of the world (Australia and Japan) to gain teaching experience.

In my free time I love to go on adventures with my husband, Taylor. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends, traveling, hiking, reading and doing puzzles!



Ms. Molly

Hello! My name is Miss Molly! I grew up in Colorado and went to college in Connecticut for my degree in elementary education.

I started my teaching career here at the Golden Community Preschool, and I never left. I have been here for 7 years now! I love working here with all of our little kiddos. Being able to see them grow and mature has been one of my favorite things about our preschool program. Our team is truly a little family, and I am so lucky to be a part of it!

In my spare time, we have been working on remodeling our house! It has taken a ton of time, and I have learned a lot of different skills...patience being a huge one! I also like to go up in the mountains, read, try new recipes, and spend time with Matt and our dog, Winston!

I am so excited for another school year full of laughter and fun!



Ms. Martha

Hi! My name is Martha Kim! This is my third year teaching here at GCC. It is also my third year in the Yellow Room! I am so happy to be with the Monkey's again this year.

I have my Associates Degree in General Studies, and am working towards my Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood. I have lived in the Golden area since 2017, I am originally from the Chicagoland area.

I am a mom to three wonderful kiddos! Aiden is 10, Charlie is 7, and Evelyn is 5. I am a proud wife of a soldier in the Army National Guard. I love playing outside with my kids, and taking my dogs, Bella and Hercules, for walks. I also enjoy paddle boarding and spending time with family and friends.



Ms. Renee

My name is Ms. Renee and this will be my first year as a preschool teacher at GCC. I am so excited to be a Red Room Fox! I started out at GCC in the Adventure summer camp, this was my third summer. I had so much fun at summer camp that I have decided to stay year around. Previously, I worked at a middle school in Jeffco. Working with all your amazing kiddos will be a welcome change.

I have always loved working with kids. I was a nanny for many years before I had children and became a stay at home mom. When my son started preschool I briefly worked for a company that made gourmet dog cookies but I missed working with kids. I am so happy to be here as it has been a lifelong dream to be a preschool teacher.

My family moved to Colorado when I was 2 and I grew up in the wonderful city of Golden. I can't imagine living anywhere else, I love the mountains and the random 70 degree days in the middle of winter. In my free time I watch movies and read YA dystopian books. I have two crazy kids, Faye is 14 and Amos is 7. As a family we love pretending to be superheroes and playing Pokémon which always ends in arguing about the rules. I am a huge Harry Potter fan, Hufflepuffs Rule, and have been told on many occasions that I am a nerd.



Miss Amanda

Hi there, my name is Amanda Lefholz. As you can see, I have 3 amazing dogs! They are my fur babies; I should say SPOILED babies. Toby (left), Naya (middle), and Quinn (right). I am a very adventurous, spontaneous, and fun person who loves to go up to my property in the mountains year-round as much as I can. During the summer, I also like to head out east to Jackson Lake State Park with my family for some jet skiing/tubing and good old camping fun! I get the best of both worlds. I was born and raised in Arvada, Co. I still live in Arvada but work in Golden which is amazing!

I have played sports my whole life. I started out playing soccer when I was 4, which continued until I was 14. I was asked to play an outdoor volleyball league with one of my good friends/soccer teammate. I then picked up basketball when I was in 2nd grade and played up through my senior year of high school. I had a couple college offers to play basketball, one being UCCS which I was leaning more towards. Unfortunately, toward the end of my senior year season, I got hurt from a knee injury causing me to take a huge break from the game. After about 1 year into college I picked up playing rec softball with a couple of friends.

I have worked at the Golden Community Center for 3 years as a childcare coordinator and as a summer camp leader. This is my first year teaching preschool, which I'm so excited for. I'm happy I get to work with the little guys now!