



Kathleen Shea (Ms. Katie)

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Dominican University

Casa Dei Bambini (Children’s House) Certification (2.5 years to 6+ years)
Association Montessori Internationale
Montessori Training Center of St. Louis

Keystone Experience

Summer School Assistant	2007 - 2011
Assistant Primary Directress	2011 - 2012
Primary Directress	2012 - Present
Primary Educational Director	2018 - Present
Interim Director	2020 - Present

I have been a part of the Keystone community since it’s establishment in 1994 – as an extended day student in primary! A graduate of Keystone Montessori’s middle school program, I went on to attend Trinity High School. Afterwards, I obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Dominican University. After apprenticing with Kelly Berg in Primary, I decided to take the Montessori training at The Montessori Training Center of St. Louis through the Association Montessori Internationale. The rest is history! Montessori students always amaze me because they show me in new ways every day how capable and independent children can be. I am so lucky that I get to work with them. Each new year and each new group of students brings a new adventure. In addition to teaching at Keystone, I also head up the Keystone Montessori Alumni Club. It’s great to keep in touch and see where our graduates are and what they are accomplishing in their lives. When I am not at Keystone, I enjoy reading, baking and cooking. I also proofread advanced copies of novels for independent authors across the world. One of my favorite pastimes is traveling the country with my two beagles, Winnie and Ivy (who have grudgingly learned to love road trips—as long as there’s a promise of a cheeseburger).