



The Learning Lane Employee Mini Bio

Name: Patti Behrens

Position: Art Docent / Materials Coordinator

Please describe your educational / experience background

I attended the New England School of Art and Design, majoring in Graphic Design. Unfortunately marriage and children became my first priority and I put school on hold. Once my youngest child was old enough I decided to go back to school and attended Sierra College, majoring in childhood development. Moving to Houston in 2003 put school on hold again. I was fortunate enough to work for a couple of day care centers and also worked as an Art Docent in my own kid's classes.

How long have you worked with The Learning Lane?

I have been at The Learning Lane since August of 2008.

Why have you chosen to work at The Learning Lane?

I have always loved working with children and had a desire to work with children with special needs. The opportunity came up and I couldn't pass it up.

What do you like most about your job?

I think the thing I love the most is seeing the progress in each child. They are such a joy to be around and I love their sweet little spirits and personalities. They are so creative when given the chance to express themselves. Being able to bring an art experience to these kids has been a very humbling experience for me. I wasn't sure how the kids would take to some of the things that we have done. A lot of them didn't want to be dirty or have to be forced to do something they weren't comfortable doing. Things have changed a lot. Now the kids really look forward to "Art Day". There have been some wonderful surprises come out of some of the projects we've done. The thing I love the most is walking down the hallway and seeing all the art work displayed. I don't even know if the kids notice them hanging there but if they do I'm hoping they feel a sense of pride at what they have accomplished.