



Nurturing
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Mentor Teacher Jen Cugier

I am thrilled to be part of our Nurturing Knowledge team! Having spent 20 plus years in early childhood education, I've served in various roles both in and outside the classroom. As your **Mentor Teacher** for Maple Leaf North / South and Bryant campuses, I'll add support, document learning, make observations, and help develop curriculum.

I work closely with our teachers to help cultivate a rich learning experience for the children and their families. It is such a pleasure to get to know the children, collaborating to create a loving, warm community for everyone. I truly value children as the capable young people that they are, and love their innate love of learning!

I graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Telecommunications. I am a certified Montessori Teacher, having spent 10 years in the Montessori classroom. Along the way, my educational journey led me to the Reggio Emilia platform; after spending 9 years with a Reggio-inspired program, I enjoyed a unique experience traveling to Italy to visit the schools of Reggio Emilia, Italy. It was a truly inspiring opportunity, changing my perspective on my own practices within the classroom. **I aspire to cultivate children's learning, stimulate their imaginations, and support their discoveries.**

I grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana, and have been in Seattle for over 20 years. I live nearby with my husband, our two teenage sons who keep me on my toes, and our adorable pooch. I enjoy gardening, the great outdoors, shopping, photography, and relaxing with friends and family. I am always up for an adventure and enjoy trying new things.

Childhood is such a magical time ... I feel very fortunate to spend my days with such amazing people, seeing the world through their lenses!

I feel so fortunate to partner with parents and caregivers while working alongside our wonderful teaching team!

Warmly,

Jen Cugier
(she/her)

