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Mentor Teacher

Jody

Dear Families and Caregivers,

I am in my fourth year as **Mentor Teacher** serving our Woodland Park and Phinney classrooms. I look forward to collaborating closely with your child's teachers to foster a supportive, loving, and dynamic learning community for students and families. I enjoy working alongside this talented group of educators, parents, and caregivers, but most of all, I love spending time with children! **Their curiosity, honesty, tenderness, and unique way of making sense of the world inspire me to be a better human.**

I have worked with children and families in a variety of capacities for over 25 years. I hold a master's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Washington, and have been a Kindergarten teacher, a mother of two, a classroom volunteer, and a PTA leader. **My relationship with Nurturing Knowledge began when my daughters were preschoolers ... my oldest was among the first group of children at our Bryant campus!** With fond memories of those impactful preschool years for my own family, I began working with Nurturing Knowledge in the Beginning Preschool program. When the pandemic started, I took on the unexpected challenge of designing and leading our Distance Learning program, for families not yet ready or able to return to the classroom. Now I have evolved to Mentor and could not be happier!

When not working, I enjoy just about anything creative. I love reading, gardening, listening to music, cooking, taking walks, practicing yoga, and exploring all this beautiful city has to offer with my two grown daughters. I live in the wonderful Phinney Ridge neighborhood with my sweet ball-obsessed dog.

Thank you for trusting me to help make your child's days brighter and yours a little easier. I look forward to getting to know each of you!

Warmly,

Teacher Jody
(she/her)

