



## **Learning Ladders Preschool 2016 About Our Staff**

### **Ms. Chris**

#### **Brown Bears & Tall Tigers, Lead Teacher**

My name is Chris Sroka, and I have lived in La Grange with my husband Dennis since 1986. We have three grown children named Nathan, Robin and Kristin. I take great pride in the fact that I have been an employee for the Park District of La Grange for twenty five years. I love my job and feel it's a great way to give back to our fine community by making an impression on the young minds of our future citizens. I look forward to the upcoming school year at Learning Ladders Preschool as well as getting to know you and your little ones.

### **Ms. Terri**

#### **Little Lions & Leaping Lizards, Lead Teacher**

My name is Terri Bogart and this is my sixth wonderful year at Learning Ladders Preschool. My husband Rick and I have 2 children of our own. Our son Ethan is 18 and attends College of DuPage. Our daughter Peyton is 15 and attends Montini Catholic High School. I also have 3 grown step-children and 5 granddaughters (plus one grandchild on the way). I have volunteered and/or coached for my children's many sports, including softball, soccer and lacrosse. Before having children, I taught New Member Seminars at the Chicago Board of Trade. I am looking forward to learning and playing with your children. My main goal is to make their first experience with school a positive one in order to foster a life-long love of learning.

### **Ms. Traci**

#### **Black Bears, Playful Penguins & Eager Eagles Lead Teacher**

I am always so excited to begin a new school year! This is my sixth year working for the preschool program. I have three children of my own Shannon (21), Jack (18), and Tom (14). My family loves being a part of the LaGrange/ LaGrange Park community. I am looking forward to a great school year and working with your wonderful children.

### **Ms. Jennifer**

#### **Little Lions & Leaping Lizards, Classroom Aide**

My name is Jennifer Ostrowski and I have been working for the Park District of La Grange over the last 13 years. I am a teacher's aide at the Sedgwick facility. I am a high energy and enthusiastic person who enjoys interacting with the preschool students. I have my degree from

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Iowa State University and I also own my own business, *Lean Team*, where I coach clients to a healthy & active lifestyle. I have three children, Alex (23), Andrew (20) and Alison (16). In my free time, I work as the Volunteer Coordinator for LTHS Booster Club and I am a member of the District 105 Foundation Board. I am looking forward to a fun-filled learning experience with your child.

**Ms. Tiffany**

**Playful Penguins, Classroom Aide**

My name is Tiffany Roberson and I have lived in La Grange since 1994. I attended Lyons Township High School and graduated in June of 2012. I have been with the Park District of La Grange since 2013, working as a summer camp counselor and with other child care services that the Park District of La Grange offers. I am a part time student pursuing a career in the medical field at the College of DuPage. I am looking forward to working and having a great third year as a preschool aide for the Playful Penguins!

**Mr. Chris**

**Black Bears, Classroom Aide**

It's great to be with the Learning Ladders team! I grew up in the northwest suburbs and received my BA from NYU. I also have an MBA from Loyola. My first career was in marketing, but after 13 years I realized it didn't suit me. I am now enrolled in a teacher certification program at Northeastern for elementary education. I live in Brookfield with my wife (who is a counsellor at OPRF High School) and my 2 daughters, Aurelia (9) and Lenore (7). My hobbies include DIY, gardening, music, and reading.

**Ms. Kate**

**Brown Bears & Tall Tigers, Classroom Aide**

I am very excited to be joining the Learning Ladders Preschool team. I have spent the summer teaching Kiddie Kollege and getting to know many of the families. I have two boys of my own, Jackson (10) Connor (7). When I'm not at school I like to bake, clean, read and travel. My husband is a Chef and we enjoy trying new foods and restaurants with our kids. I am looking forward to a wonderful year and excited to meet you all!

**Ms. Angie**

**Eager Eagles, Classroom Aide**

I am really excited to be joining the Learning Ladders team this year! My family and I moved to the La Grange area 2 years ago and we love being part of this community. I grew up in Ohio and attended the University of Cincinnati and earned a degree in fashion design. I continued my design career for over 15 years. After being home with my 2 sons, Ben (10) and Sam (7), I realized how much I enjoy being involved in helping children learn and grow. I am still active at being creative, doing art, biking and baking with my boys. I started with the park district last spring and am happy to be part of Learning Ladders. I look forward to meeting you and your children and a having a fabulous year!