

***If you could have any super power what would it be and why?***

Teleportation. It would save time and I could go lots of new places.

I would want to have the ability to make people laugh and smile all day long because it feels good and makes those around you happy too!

Teleport--so we could easily travel to be with our families and friends who live far, far away.

Dad: The power to generate magnetic fields - Mom: The power to read my baby's mind - but only up until puberty hits.

Freeze time.

Teleporting - I wish that doing my work didn't require being away from my daughter.

***If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?***

Norway. It is where my mother lived as a child.

I would like to create a place that has it all...mountains, oceans, beach and sun. A place where you can ski by day and mountain bike in the afternoon...with eternal sunshine...even when its snowing:)

We are planning a vacation to one of our "must see" spots...Bora Bora. We are excited to take our daughter on a big trip, to have some time to relax as a family in a beautiful place and also to have a truly unique experience in a bungalow over the water in a remote part of the planet. It is a wonderful reminder of the need to do what we can to preserve pristine places when you visit places like this.

Dad: Mom: Japan (beautiful temples) or Iceland (amazing scenery).

Any beach with sun and clear blue water.

Ireland- always wanted to go French Polynesia- most beautiful spot I've ever been to- would love to share it with my husband and my son.

Brazil. I feel my heart sing there.

***What word(s) comes to when you think of creativity?***

Thinking outside the box, being unique, trying something new.

Challenge, excitement, uniqueness.

Problem-solving, fun, play, gifts, beautiful, interesting, arts and happiness.

Dad: Mom: Right brain, innovation, language, science, art.

Art supplies.

Creation. Life. Birth. Art. New. Wonder.

***When during your day (or in your life) do you feel creative and why? What motivates you to be creative? Where does your creativity come from?***

Working with children allows me to feel creative.

Creativity was not encouraged much in my youth. I was often driven to do things the right way...always "coloring inside the lines." As an adult I have found that I am most creative when doing the things that I am passionate about...anything outdoors and teaching children.

We feel the most creative when we are with our niece and our daughter--finding interesting ways for them to interact/learn/have fun draws upon our creativity. Both my husband and I also have creative elements to our work--for me its problem solving/building new programs and for my husband its creative visual representations of scientific ideas. Finally, we also feel creative when giving gifts--being able to take the time to find something special for the people we love.

Mid-morning: I'm well-fed and wide awake. My patients motivate me to be creative. The creativity comes from the fact that if I am not creative, people don't want to come to me for help.

When I get to create new client proposals, I love thinking outside of the box and wowing people with new ideas. Somewhere deep inside, can't put a finger on where it comes from.

Currently I think making photo books is probably the most common use of creativity for me.

When I'm collaborating with friends/colleagues on an idea that inspires me.

***How might we support you in discovering your innate creative nature?***

Opportunities for parents and children to work together with materials that spark creativity.

You're already doing it...supporting and loving my child and constantly offering up suggestions of things to read, ways to challenge my son and encouraging me to be the best mother I can by attempting to replicate the things you do in class.

We'd love to hear about any opportunities to contribute to classroom/school projects so we can exercise our creativity in that direction. We are happy with "homework" :)

If daycare were open on the weekends I would have a lot more time to discover my innate creative nature (wink, wink).

Always be asking new questions. Love a challenge

Time and exposure to new materials.

***If you could be any object, what would you be and why?***

I don't think I want to be an object.

A soccer ball....I can't imagine how fun it must be to interact with so many different beings (animals, kids, adults) all day while also being able to fly high.

Books--they bring joy at every age, provide a window in a variety of landscapes and situations, support our learning, and are a special type of companion--accompanying people at interesting times in their lives (school, vacations, and quiet days/nights at home when the snow is falling).

A camera - The ability to capture important moments/memories is appealing. That, or Ryan Reynolds' shirt. For obvious reasons.

I guess a puppy, who doesn't love a puppy. And they are never sad.

Myself but with lots of money:)

A person. It's a great incarnation this time around!

***Are infants creative? In what ways is your child(ren) creative or how do you see creativity in your child(dren)?***

Infants are extremely creative. they are not inhibited by wanting to get something right or being afraid of making a mistake.

Infants are creative everyday as I sit and watch them magically make sense of the world. To put everything in the mouth, attempt to make connections, see relationships, recognize categories! It astounds me...I feel like my son is creative in his quest to get from point a to point b in order to grasp a new object. He is

creative in his ability to express his feelings as he gasps loudly when things excite him, the list could go on.

Absolutely! I've been amazed while watching my daughter just how young she was when she started solving problems (ie the ball is under the crib and I can't reach it from this side so I move to the other side to reach it) and now how she uses different objects and materials in combination to create the type of play she wants at that particular moment.

How are we defining "infants"? I think infants tend to follow certain developmental patterns up until the time they become mobile, but they are inherently curious, and they all have the potential to be creative. My child finds interesting ways to create "games" from everyday household objects.

Yes, my son is very project oriented. He is always looking for ways to put things so they fit together.

YES!!! Haven't been shown by society that there is a specific use for items or a correct way to do something so all their interactions with materials, etc are creative

YES - she's curious and trying new things I never thought of. She's unrestricted by current "rules" and the way things "have been."

### ***Why is fostering creativity in young children important?***

I think that it is especially important when they are young because many times once they start elementary school they don't have as many opportunities to be creative at school.

Creativity encourages thinking out of the box. As one who was never encouraged to do that I see areas of weakness in myself and want my son to have every possible opportunity that exists. YES...it is at the heart of all that will drive them down the road.

To provide outlets for this type of thinking, building, and developing. Giving children the opportunity to explore in truly creative ways while paired with structured learning leads to approaching life with a more open mind, more skills to approach any situation in life, and the ability to find joy in the simple things.

Mom: If children believe they need to do things in a certain way, it stifles their ability to think for themselves and be innovative.

It helps people keep thinking and keeps your brain going.

Enjoyment of experiences, confidence in trying new things and in ways others perhaps would not think of.

So they keep wondering, exploring and innovating. And so they recognize this as an innate quality within them.

***If your creative works had an odor, what would they smell like and why?***

Probably kinda stinky because I am not very creative!

Lilies...because it is simply the happiest most joyful smell in the world.

Wow..tough one! What does coffee, tropical fruit, coconut scented sunscreen, bread, fresh paper & tape, and Christmas trees smell like in combination?

Velveeta and chocolate. Two unexpected things paired together. But it has to be delicious....right? I mean, it's Velveeta. And chocolate.

Marshmallows.

Vacation- beach, outside, mountains, fresh air, etc...

Rain. Fresh, cleansing, new, life-giving.

***What is your favorite color and how do you think this color describes you as a person?***

Green I think of green as being calming and natural.

Red...no question...I do find myself being energetic, mostly happy and constantly wanting to engage with those around me. I see red as bright, cheerful, uplifting and full of fire!

My husband's favorite is red, which is indicative of his strength of character, ability to deep dive on issues, and his love of travel. Mine is green, which I think reflects on my love of the outdoors, my desire to create calm moments throughout the day, and hope to always be learning something new. Together we are the colors of Christmas...our favorite holiday!

Red. I like things that stand out.

Aqua. Like the water you see from afar, always looks to perfect to be true.

Orange or purple or teal or yellow...basically I like bright, bold colors as colors should be fun.

Hmm... I like all colors. I've always struggled with this question!