



MANCHESTER PRESCHOOL CENTER'S 2017 – 2018 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

JESSICA DIAKUN

It is my privilege to recommend Jessica Diakun to receive the Teacher of the Year Award for our school. Jessica has been teaching Pre-K at the Manchester Pre-School Center for the past two years. Prior to becoming a teacher, she served in the role of Para educator, and I have been fortunate to know her for three of those years. In that time, she has been a leader of her PLC as well as the Climate Committee where she has been instrumental in leading the work in writing our school vision and planning events for building community at our school. Jessica has also been a mentor to new teachers, sharing her curriculum plans, helping build unit lessons and implementing the new pre-school curriculum.

Jessica is one of those teachers you come across once in a great while. She is popular with students, families, and colleagues. Her students love her because she is kind, loving, fun, and caring. She has a unique way of getting to know every student in her class as she is able to see exactly what each child brings to the community, and her whole teaching approach is to bring out the best in all of her students. She does this by working countless hours in the summer making items for her classrooms, setting up her classroom environment so all children are ready to learn and intentionally planning lessons that are engaging, rigorous, fun, exciting, and relevant to their lives. We are all honored to work along such an amazing human being!

~ PRINCIPAL SINTHIA SONE-MOYANO