

Kindergarten

Teacher

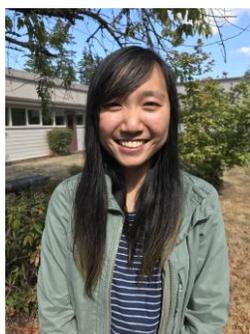
Biography



Ms. Armstrong

I have been teaching for DDSD for 18 years, the past 17 have been here at Menlo. I have been teaching Kindergarten for 5 years and prior to that I have taught 1st, 3rd and 4th grades. I love my job! I feel lucky that I get to do what I do each day. My favorite thing to do when I am not working is to spend time with my two sweet kids. My son, Kaleb is a Senior in high school and my daughter Claire is a 3rd grader. I have lots of hobbies, but my favorites are traveling, cooking and thrifting. I think the most important thing in life is to invest in relationships and have faith. Life is short so we must enjoy it while we can.

“Be somebody who makes everyone feel like a somebody” –Kid President



Ms. Bang

I am so excited to be part of the David Douglas and the Menlo Park team! This is my second year teaching and first year in kindergarten. Last year I taught 2nd grade at Riverside Elementary School in the North Clackamas school district. This year I moved to kindergarten and am definitely enjoying this age group! It is wonderful to come to my job every day and work with young minds that are so excited to learn. Before becoming a teacher, I grew up in South Korea and southern California, and then moved to Portland for college in 2011. I graduated from Reed College in 2015 and got my Masters in Teaching from Concordia University in 2017. I student taught at Menlo Park (in the very classroom I teach now) and am so happy to be back to teach here! Because of my international background, I am passionate about diversity and learning different cultures! In my free time I love baking, cooking, watching football and basketball, traveling, and most importantly - spending time with friends and family.



Ms. Sonoda

After living on the Big Island of Hawaii nearly 20 years, I have returned to my other home, Oregon! I'm happy to be closer to family and friends and have been fortunate to join Menlo Park. I attended the University of Hawaii, where I was awarded my teaching certification in Elementary Education. I also have National Board Certification in Early Literacy~Language Arts. Teaching in Hawaii has directly influenced my sense of relationships in the classroom, and I look to always teach with aloha and a deep sense of family in the classroom. All subjects are exciting to teach, but I especially enjoy teaching art and science. I also hold a degree in fine art/printmaking from Marylhurst University, and I love sharing printmaking skills with students. Cooking, gardening and traveling are my hobbies. When I get the time, I spend it in my art studio, or with my husband, camping and seeing the country!