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TEACHER OF THE MONTH

JESSICA SPADA OF MJLC

Creating experiences and
making connections



Jessica Spada

Jessica Spada, owner and director of Magical Journey Learning Center (MJLC), has 27 years of teaching experience with children ages six weeks through 12-years old. Even with the responsibilities that accompany an owner and director, Mrs. Spada continues to be involved in all aspects of teaching and education.

She is thrilled to be in her sixth year as owner and director of MJLC, and she loves that the school is located within the Ahwatukee Foothills Community, where parents can conveniently drop off and pick up their children with ease, always seeing a familiar face at the front desk. Mrs. Spada emphasizes the importance of creating "a safe, secure environment where children can grow."



In addition to creating such an atmosphere, Mrs. Spada and her team provide incredible experiences for the students. She explains, "The specials that MJLC provides truly create that one-of-a-kind preschool experience for our children. We have weekly growth mindset activities to develop each child's confidence to tackle anything that comes their way, and we have Spanish classes with our close friends at the Los Ninos Spanish School, where Ms. Claudia visits MJLC weekly."

Mrs. Spada continues, "We also have monthly Mad Science workshops where our MJLC children get to develop an early love of science by learning about recycling, space, the ocean, magnets, bugs, the human body, animals and insects. The children look forward to seeing Ms. Ingrid from Mad Science every month."

Mrs. Spada went on to say, "Our computer classes with Future Kiddie are geared towards the pre-k children and prepare them for their next steps in elementary school where using a mouse and keyboard are essential tools for success . . ."

"And our summer camp program is just as amazing, so kids stay active and engaged while on break. We have foam parties, petting zoos, reptile visits, princess and superhero experiences, the list is endless! Our camps are for children one-to-eight-years old."

There are a lot of fun things happening at MJLC, and Mrs. Spada is excited about it all. In fact, each time Mrs. Spada was asked about herself, she pivoted to talk about the children: "The first years of a child's life are so crucial and we make that the highest priority here at MJLC by creating one-of-a-kind experiences and lifelong bonds with our families who even years later pop in to say 'hi.' The home-school connection is so important!"

