



2018 - 2019



MEET THE
PRESCHOOL TEACHERS!

Monta Vista



TEACHER PATRICIA

Patricia Mungal has been a teacher for Parks and Recreation for 21 years. She is a Montessori trained teacher and also is a Parent Educator trained in the PAT curriculum. She also has over 5 years of college, she trained in Graphic Design and Art. She enjoys working with the children, laughing with them, doing the crafts, being creative and helping them to have a happy and loving environment surrounding them

She teaches:

TINY TOTS &
SUPER TOTS



TEACHER RANI

Rani Natarajan has been working for the City of Cupertino for the past 15 years. She attended East Los Angeles City College for an AA Degree in Early Childhood Education. She worked more than 10 years in public school as a teacher's Aide for 8th graders to Kindergarteners. Rani enjoys working with Tiny Tots and Pre-K children.

She teaches:

TINY TOTS &
SUPER TOTS



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TEACHER AIDE ROSE

Teacher Rose has worked for the Cupertino Recreation & Community Services Department since 2005. She worked in the Child Watch Program at the Cupertino Sports Center for two years. She was very active as a volunteer in the schools and really enjoys working with the preschool children. She has four grown children of her own.

She teaches:

TINY TOTS &
SUPER TOTS (AIDE)



TEACHER PRETTI (SUB)

Preeti Phatak joined the Cupertino preschool family in 2015. She has a Bachelors degree in Medicine (Homeopathy) and teacher's degree from De Anza college. Preeti enjoys working with children and loves to teach young children, making their wonder years full of joy and delight. She has three children of her own and her hobbies include music, gardening and teaching Math to her younger daughter.

She teaches:

TINY TOTS &
SUPER TOTS



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TEACHER DEBI

In the 14 years she has been with us, Debi Chessen has been dedicated to teaching preschoolers to become more independent. She loves children, and has been labeled by her family and friends as "the kid-magnet". Prior to teaching in Cupertino, Ms. Chessen taught in the West Los Angeles area, where she went to college. While her grown children were in school, Debi taught Music for Minors, and was a Girl Scout Leader at Collins School, as well as participating in many volunteer positions where her expertise was needed.

She teaches:

TINY TOTS



TEACHER VANDANA

Vandana Mehrotra has been working with Cupertino Park and Recreation Preschool for 10 years. She has a Masters Degree from India and an early childhood education certificate with 52 ECE Units. She is also a CPR and first aid certified teacher. She loves children and enjoys working with them. She sees that all kids need is love and a safe environment.

She teaches:

TINY TOTS



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TEACHER SHAZIA

Teacher Shazia joined the Cupertino preschool family in 2013. She has BA in Psychology and an AA degree in Early Childhood Education with a focus in mental health from De Anza College. Shazia truly believes that in addition to strengthening socialization skills, how to compromise, be respectful of others, and problem-solve, preschool is a place where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, play with his/her peers, and build confidence. She is looking forward to a FUN and purpose filled year with your child.

She teaches:

TINY TOTS (AIDE)
& SUPER TOTS



TEACHER VIJI

Viji Prakash has returned to continue working as a preschool teacher with the city of Cupertino. She is passionate about working with children and really hopes to make your child's time enjoyable and meaningful during their time in preschool.

She has two children of her own, one who will be going to college soon. Her interests include reading, cooking, gardening and spending time with friends and family.

She super excited to have your child in my class!

She teaches:

SUPER TOTS



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TEACHER AIDE MAHALAKSHMI

Mahalakshmi Kothandapani has worked for Cupertino Preschool since 2017. She enjoys working with children and is so happy to be a part of their growth. Mahalakshmi earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. Some of her hobbies outside of work include cooking, gardening and travelling. Mahalakshmi is passionate about working with kids. She has volunteered as a teacher aide, assisted teachers in leading in-class activities, and facilitated the children's learning experience in reading, writing and conversation. Mahalakshmi has also taught South Indian language of Tamil to children and introduced them to different aspects of the culture through engaging in-class activities. She is looking forward to another exciting year of working with the children.

She teaches:

SUPER TOTS (AIDE)



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR!

