

# Welcome to the Yellow Room!

Hello!

I am so excited to welcome you to the Yellow Room this year, and we are going to have so much fun! My name is Erica Higgins (Ms. Erica). This is my 3rd year teaching at FUMP and my 10th year in early learning. I have two kids (6 and 3) who keep me on my toes and help me to grow as a teacher. I am high-energy and very active; some might call me a spaz... My favorite activities are outside in nature! I have lived in Austin for three years, coming from Washington State. My teaching philosophy focuses on empathy, building relationships, learning to express feelings, and learning through messy/natural play. Interacting with your children is so fun! I love that all my jeans have holes in the knees by the middle of each year!

This year we will learn through play. Social skills, emotional recognition, friendship, exploration, and curiosity will be fostered by lesson plans, teacher interaction, and flexibility. I will focus on YOUR child's interests each day and cater our plans to them. I believe that children will learn and grow when they are engaged and interested in the content.

First day of school:

Please Bring:

Lunch (labeled)

Snack (labeled)

Non-Spill Water bottle (labeled)

Extra clothes (labeled)

Nap Mat (labeled)

Diapers (if applicable)

Our Schedule:

9:00-10:00 - Free play, open art, centers

10:00 - Circle Time

10:15 - Snack

10:45 - Free play, open art, centers, small group

11:15 - Outdoor/ Gross Motor Play

12:00 - Lunch

12:30 - Rest Time

1:30 - Wake up and table toys

1:45 - Parent pick-up

Please come to me with any questions or concerns you may have. The best way to reach me will be through a brightwheel message. I will see these messages promptly and respond as soon as I can. If we are in class, please know that we may only be able to reply at the end of the school day. If you need to get a hold of us immediately, please call the preschool office. I am excited to meet you all and learn from your children this year!

- Ms. Erica (Yellow Room lead teacher)