

## **Tiffany Kimizuka**

Even as a young child, Tiffany always had a love for children. “Starting from 6<sup>th</sup> grade, I have been involved with children as a Junior Leader, A+ and morning programs.” Since then, she has worked almost exclusively with kids. Tiffany holds her Bachelors degree in Family Resources from the University of Hawai'i. She is now a preschool teacher at the Early Education Center, Seagull Schools in Honolulu and loves working with three year olds. Working as a preschool teacher for just two years, Tiffany quickly attracted the attention of many grateful parents. Known as the “cheerleader of the school,” Tiffany has a very upbeat and bubbly personality and is always willing to give a hug.

Tiffany's classroom is bright and cheerful and filled with the artwork of the children. When the school year began, she had each family make a collage of pictures and hung them all over the classroom. It makes the families feel welcome every morning and the kids proud to show their family pictures to their classmates. She gives parents weekly progress reports and each semester, produces a binder of pictures, descriptions and stories on each of the children. Tiffany is a teacher who loves to play outdoor activities with her class, especially soccer!

### **What parents had to say about Tiffany:**

“Ms. Tiffany is very good at adapting her teaching approach to the various types of personalities in the class.”

“She really listens and cares for each child. Miss Tiffany is very friendly and easy to talk to and my daughter loves having her as her teacher.”

“We also enjoy her enthusiasm for working with kids as well as her sternness. She treats all the children equal and respects her staff and families.”

“Miss Tiffany has helped my daughter transition very well. She has always been very welcoming and with open arms to all the children and parents, no matter what circumstances. She goes above and beyond her job for each and every child. That is what counts the most. That is what helps our children to succeed and excel in school and in life. People like her have a positive influence on a child's life. She sets very high standards for each child and encourages them to never give up...I feel safe knowing that my daughter is in wonderful hands.”

“My son has opened up so much in his first year of school because of her.”

“Ms. Tiffany encourages parents to help her build a family-oriented environment by structuring family projects aimed at filling the classroom with pictures of families...There's an 'apple-helpers' board that grants children classroom responsibilities, fosters confidence, self-esteem and pride in the children.”

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“Every morning we are greeted with a warm welcoming smile and hugs and high fives for the kids. She always makes sure she acknowledges us and guides the children where they need to go.”

“Ms. Tiffany makes her classroom so bright and cheerful...You can always tell if a teacher/adult is keeping your child happy and/or safe and providing a good welcoming environment for your child based on how your child reacts/responds when going to school. My daughter runs strait to her class and hugs Ms. Tiffany in the morning and when I pick her up from school. She also talks a lot about school and how much she enjoys doing cooking with Ms. Tiffany.”

“There are weekly notes that communicate what the children did every day of the school week.”

“Miss Tiffany schedules parent/teacher conferences and goes over our daughter's progress in class....I love reading the notes and hearing what my daughter is learning each day.”

“She goes well beyond what a lot of my friends children's preschool do.”