

Hello, my name is Missy Patten, and I am your new lead teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. I am genuinely looking forward to getting to know each of you so we can partner in your child's growth socially, emotionally, and intellectually. These young years are formative in developing their sense of self and how they fit into the world, independently. I am honored to work with your children each day.

Here's just a quick blurb about myself. I have my undergraduate degree in Special Education. I taught at Free Horizon in Primary 3 from 2009-2014. My children both went through primary, lower, and upper elementary at FHM. Montessori Education and its philosophy mirrors the way I am raising my own children.

For the past five years, I have worked at the University of Colorado in an obesity prevention project. I guided Head Start preschool staff and teachers on new and vigorous ideas to play with their students on the playground. Additionally, I delivered interactive cooking lessons for the children to work with and taste fresh fruits and vegetables. There is a strong connection between being physically active and thinking and learning. We will be doing a lot of purposeful movement to build strong connections with the body and the mind.

I recently received my Master's degree in Education and realized how much I miss being on the floor with the same children day in and day out. I am very excited to meet you at Back to School night. That evening will be a quick introduction, so please know that we will have many more chances to spend more time together.

Missy Patten