



It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.  
~Albert Einstein

Hello, my name is Consuelo Johnson but the name that others are more familiar with is Ms. Connie. I have been working for the City of Lafayette for nine years, spending eight of those years teaching for the Preschool Program as a Tiny Tots, Creative Play, and Kinder Prep instructor. At times it seems surreal that I have spent close to a decade teaching students but I am more than ecstatic to have found my true calling in life. Sometimes you find your talents later in life like I have.

Growing up, I was not always set on becoming an Early Childhood Educator. My education background is in Commercial Art, which ultimately led me to Colorado where I worked for ten years as a production artist until I settled down and began a family. I am proud to be the parent of two children in college and I cannot be more thankful that I had the opportunity to stay at home with them and be there for their formative years. Through spending time with my kids, I began to see that teaching children was something that brought me immense joy. I took these feelings as a signal that it was worth my time to go back to school and acquire more education regarding Early Childhood Education. Through my studies, I have been able to have a job that brings me great satisfaction. To teach every year means that I can share my knowledge and teaching philosophy with others.

I believe in mutual respect between teacher and student along with creating a healthy and safe environment that can only nurture growth and improvement. I always hope to demonstrate my philosophy through the many activities that myself and the children participate in together, such as, story and music time, cooking fun, outdoor play, and especially adventures! It is the term “adventure” that I like to emphasize the most because “adventure” in itself is a term used for something exciting and a new experience. This is what I hope to bring to all of the children that enter into my classroom, to bring them new experiences full of fun memories that will help them grow as human beings.