



## Teacher Profile: All About...

### Mrs. Laura Shortino (Kindergarten)



**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Chicago, IL

**EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:**

20 Years in Early Childhood Education

**IF YOU HAVE A BAD DAY, WHAT IS IT THAT GETS YOU OUT THE DOOR AND OFF TO WORK THE NEXT MORNING?**

When I have a bad day, what gets me back out the door is knowing that it's a new day and I need to forget what happened the day before.

**WHO MOST INFLUENCED YOUR DECISION TO BECOME AN EDUCATOR?**

My love for children influenced me to become a teacher.

**WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT BEING A TEACHER?**

Being an early childhood teacher is great; the students are excited to learn and you have the materials to influence future generations of children to be the best they can be.

**HOW DO YOU MOTIVATE YOUR STUDENTS TO GO ABOVE-AND-BEYOND?**

I motivate my students to go above and beyond, encouraging them to reach for the stars.

**WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO AS AN EDUCATOR?**

My motto as an educator is "The sky's the limits!"

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SONG?**

My favorite song is "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi.

**WHAT IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING THING THAT HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?**

The most embarrassing moment happened to me in high school. I was in a school play, and when we did a costume change, I didn't realize that I had skipped some buttons on my dress and stepped on the stage with my dress all opened! Everyone was laughing. Once I realized it, I stepped over the side and fixed myself up. I wanted to cry but I pulled myself together and went on with the show.