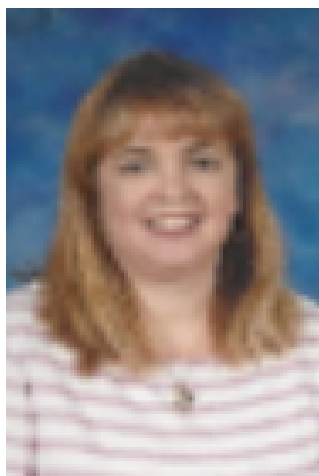




## **Teacher Profile: All About... Laura Shortino (Kindergarten)**



**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 thing that ever happened to me was 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 to the stage with my dress all opened! Everyone was laughing. Once I realized it, I stepped over to the side and fixed myself up. I wanted to cry but I pulled myself together and went on with the show.