

## **Marisa Kingsbury**

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### **Education**

University of Minnesota Duluth  
Bachelor of Arts, December 2022  
Major: Environment, Sustainability and Geography / Minor: Biology

### **Experience**

#### **Lead Teacher (Pre-Kindergarten)**

**Big Wonder Child Care, Saint Paul, MN**

**Oct 2025 - Present**

- Create and maintain safe, inviting, fine and gross motor activities that support children's educational trajectory.
- Model and monitor Montessori activities to support independent sequence thinking.
- Navigate and encourage safe risk-taking in play to encourage confidence building in children.

#### **Lead Teacher (Pre-Kindergarten) and Summer Art Instructor**

**Children's Country Day School, Mendota Heights, MN**

**May 2022 - August 2025**

- Developed and implemented a weekly curriculum based on the seasons of the year, students' interests, and the MN Early Childhood Indicators of Progress (ECIPs) that supported children's social/emotional growth, positively impacting the educational trajectory of 140+ students.
- Developed and implemented creative, animal, and nature based art projects for 175+ students ranging from 18 months to 6 years old, including fabrication of a variety of tools/toys/play areas.
- Created hands-on learning materials and curated a classroom environment to nurture the complex sensory, emotional, and learning needs of a diverse classroom of two to five year olds.
- Monitored and maintained a safe and supportive environment for students to learn indoors and outdoors; building self-confidence and independence through play and safe-risk taking.
- Collaborated with parents/caregivers through weekly notes, daily emails, parent/teacher conferences, and in-person meetings to support each child's individual learning needs.

#### **Community liaison, project coordinator and farm laborer**

**University of Minnesota Duluth Land Lab, Duluth, MN**

**April 2021 - December 2022**

- Planned and coordinated the UMD's Land Lab 10th annual harvest festival for students of all ages and the greater Duluth community.
- Managed, marketed, and planned weekly produce giveaways in a healthy food priority area and built relationships with community members.
- Founded the annual pumpkin compost drive in 2019 at UMD to reduce seasonal waste in landfills.
- Completed a semester-long independent study with an outdoor education focus to teach at UMD, local elementary schools and healthy food priority areas.
- Maintained weeding and caretaking of crops, and helped with production of weekly Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) harvest boxes for subscribers and supporters.
- Supported launch of new entrepreneurship opportunity for First Ladies of Central Hillside grassroots community organization.

#### **Home help aid**

**Duluth, MN**

**October 2021 - December 2022**

- Developed relationship, friendship and learned new communication skills working with elder, a native of India.
- Noted challenges and health concerns of elder, responded to her needs and appropriately shared updates with her family.