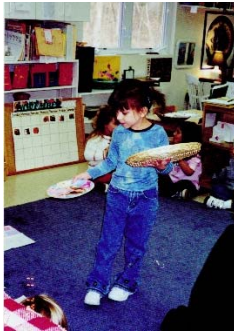




## December Alumni Highlight Emily Arcangelo



Mrs. Koch's class



Mrs. Cross' class

This may only be my second year working in Extended Day at Westmont, but some of you may not know that my love for this school began in my childhood. Coming back to work at the preschool I attended has been such a surreal and introspective opportunity because of the unique community Westmont creates. I was able to come back and work with the teachers who taught me, namely Kim Koch, Colette Cross, and Donna Kiczek.

Every so often I'll hear them say something that sounds familiar and it will spark a memory. I remember how Mrs. Koch taught me with such care how to roll rugs and the ever challenging snow pants. I can only hope to emulate her calm teaching style one day. Then in Mrs. Cross' Kindergarten class, I enjoyed our workbooks that we could write in and illustrate our own stories. This lesson carried me into my hobby of writing children's stories. Additionally, Mrs. Donna's smiling face and upbeat attitude in Extended Day quickly got me over my 'missing mommy blues.' I have countless memories of my Westmont Days.

I am now finishing my bachelors in psychology and then I hope to get my master's degree to become a guidance counselor. I truly feel like the luckiest college student in the world because I get to learn from my amazing co-workers and because I am constantly applying what I am learning at school. Plus, how can I possibly stress about a term paper when the kids fill my week days with hugs, smiles, and laughter.

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