

# Staff Bios ... focus on Littles classrooms

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**Yumiko Nakagome** is our Lead Teacher in the Finch Room. She is from Japan and graduated from the university in Yokohama, where she studied American English Literature and Education. Yumiko worked as an intern teacher in an elementary school in Blocksburg, Northern California. That experience inspired her to pursue the field of Early Childhood Education at Lane Community College.

She has been working with infants and toddlers for the last 19 years. She enjoys the young children, who are so innocent and willing to grow. She is married to Shugo and has two daughters, Yulia, 16 years old, and Lina, 12 years old. They enjoy camping in the summer and going for walks with their golden retriever, Huppi.

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**Danijela Koh** is our Lead Teacher in the Chickadee Room. She moved to Eugene in 2001 and is originally from Montenegro, which is part of former Yugoslavia.

In 2004, Danijela graduated from Lane Community College with a two year degree in Early Childhood Education. She has ten years professional experience working with children at EWEB Child Development Center before becoming a Lead Teacher for the Infant Room at Moss Street in 2014. Danijela loves to work with infants, watching them develop and grow.

Her husband’s name is Ivan. Danijela loves traveling, spending time outdoors, knitting, and reading books.



**Julia Mauro** is our morning break giver and afternoon Lead Teacher in the Littles Program. Julia has worked at Moss Street for the past four years, first as a Student Staff in the Middles classrooms and now as a Lead Teacher in the Littles classrooms. She is so excited to join the Littles community for her first year as a Lead Teacher because she loves how much energy and excitement infants and young toddlers bring to the classroom. Julia graduated from the University of Oregon this past June 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in Education.

Julia loves working with children because they inspire her to be creative, curious, and fun loving. She loves being a part of each child’s life as they learn, grow, make friends, and discover the world. She also loves to help children learn about each other and form friendships.

Originally from India, Julia was adopted as a baby and has proudly called Eugene home for most of her life. She loves living in Eugene because of all the fun things to do, like Saturday Market, Duck football games and beautiful hiking trails. Julia loves to read, travel, and cook.

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