



Welcome to Taylor Early Childhood Center!

My name is Charissa Kappler and I am proud to be the Director of the Taylor Early Childhood Center. I started my career at Dunklin R 5 the first year the center was established in 2008. Before becoming the Director, I was a parent educator for 10 years, teacher for 6 years and a process coordinator for 3 years. In 2014, I graduated from Missouri Baptist University with my Masters of Educational Administration and I have been the Director for the last three years.

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with some of the best staff members. In 2019 we were awarded the MSBA Early Childhood of the Year for the state of Missouri. It was an awesome experience and a true testament to having a great staff. Teachers not only work hard on teaching academics they also work on building student character. Our Character Education words are: Respect, Honesty, Responsibility and Compassion. Teachers, parents and staff work together to help our students understand how their choices and actions can make a difference. Educating young students about feelings and social cues will in fact give them some necessary tools and resources they need to self regulate. We recognize that young children often need practice and guidance as they work towards developing positive character. In our hallway we have a large mural that reads, "The sun will rise and we will try again". This mural serves as a gentle reminder that whenever our students have a rough day, tomorrow is always a new day and we can try again.

We know when you begin at the Taylor Early Childhood Center it is your first experience with school. We always strive to make it a positive experience for both you and your child. We love when families participate in their child's education and in fact, research on the school success clearly demonstrates that parents participating in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success in the classroom. I believe that building a strong relationship between home and school is a key factor in helping each of our students achieve.

It is my mission to create a warm and inviting environment for ALL students to learn and grow. I get excited as I watch each student blossom in all areas as they get ready for kindergarten.

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