

2024-25 WSOC Nursery Teachers

Maria Morioka



Maria has lived and worked in Japan, Brazil, Germany, and the United States. She loves to share songs and stories from different cultures. She holds a B.F.A. with honors from the ArtCenter College of Design and worked at Wieden+Kennedy Tokyo before beginning her path as a parent and a Waldorf teacher. She received her Waldorf Certificate in 2015 from the Waldorf Institute of Southern California and completed her practicum in Early Childhood, Grades, and Subject Class. She has taught in Early Childhood, Grades, Subject Classes, and High School in Waldorf and non-Waldorf settings. She enjoys working with different age groups and experiencing firsthand the depth and beauty of human development. Her hobbies include but are not limited to playing the piano, Plein-Air painting, horseback riding, and watching the pattern of the waves at the beach.

Erin Waller



Erin holds a B.A. in Early Childhood Education and over six years of experience as a playgroup teacher and administrator for a Waldorf-inspired preschool. Erin has been a lead Pre-Kindergarten teacher at WSOC for the 2023-24 school year. She is from the San Francisco Bay Area, where she worked for 10 years in the dental field, before moving to Orange County in 2013. She began her Waldorf journey when her children joined WSOC in 2015. She is continuing her Waldorf Adult Education studies. She loves the beach and nature walks with her kids.