

My name is Michelle Don and I am a teacher at The Learning Loft Preschool at Kid Time Children's Museum. I have been a preschool teacher for 11 years and am the proud parent of a 2 and a half year old. I have worked at 6 different schools throughout my teaching career, and I can say, without a doubt, that The Learning Loft is in a league of it's own. The focus on the well-being and education of each individual child, combined with caring, highly-educated, passionate teachers, has made for an incredible educational experience for our students. And the most incredible thing about this is that, because of Preschool Promise, we were able to offer this level of quality education to the families that needed it the most. I have had so many families tell me that there was no way for them to afford preschool on their own and that they would have struggled so much going into kindergarten the next year. The families are so grateful for this opportunity. The teachers are so grateful for this opportunity. This program has given us a salary that can actual support our families, something that I have never experienced before in my teaching career. It has also supported our continuing education and our curriculum materials, making us better teachers and keeping our out-of-pocket expenses at a minimum. Again, this is the first time in my career I have experienced these things. The Preschool Promise Program and The Learning Loft Preschool are setting the bar for early education. And continued support and funding will help us continue to grow and reach more families and have continued resources available to support the families in our community.

Thank you for your time,
Michelle Don