

Hello KinderQuest Families!

August is here already! This year is especially exciting because we will have an even more enriching family program. In case you have not seen me in the past couple of months, I am expecting a baby any day now. We have a wonderful substitute, Marin, who will be in class for the first part of the school year. She loves early education and has a strong background in the arts.

Being a teacher-mom is very familiar to me. My daughter has joined class the past two years as a three and four year old "student" (she will be in Ladybug Kindergarten this year). When she was born, I taught second grade full time and she started childcare at four months old. I am so grateful to be working with HomeSchool families this time around.

I will be at school often with my older daughter. I will visit and help in KinderQuest frequently. I hope to continue the strong family community that KinderQuest has nurtured in the past and that, after I'm ready to return to teaching, baby will join us until he or she (we're being surprised) is ready to play elsewhere on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am a very realistic teacher-parent that seeks a healthy balance for students, baby, and myself. I will be coming to many adventures so that I can get to know you and your students.

KinderQuest is a dynamic program that reinvents itself for each group of students. I am confident that baby will only add to the experience of learning, growing, and community that I value so much in class. If you have any questions about me as a teacher-mom, I have numerous parents from former years that can share their experiences in my class. I would be happy to pass along phone numbers or emails to you. You will also have frequent opportunities to ask me questions. My email is Lenka@lenkaland.com.

During August, we will make appointments to distribute HomeSchool materials and help create the monthly contracts for the school year. Students come to school for the first day on Sept. 2 (after Labor Day). KinderQuest will *not* meet for the school's Opening Ceremony on Aug. 20th as it has confused students in past years— they thought school started right away and it was difficult to wait another week. We will have Adventures starting in September.

Enjoy these last precious weeks of summer! I am sending letters to all of the families enrolled in June. If your plans changed over the summer and you will not be joining us, please recycle this letter.

I look forward to seeing you soon and celebrating all of our children together!

Best wishes, Lenka

