

# WELCOME

Hello! My name is Mrs. Baran and I am thrilled to be your teacher this year and welcome you to the Early Childhood Program at RLA.

I am sure you are having a fantastic summer but don't worry because this fall will bring new friendships, fun and adventure!

First, let me tell you a little bit about me. My husband and I have four children and a poodle named Angel. She does not always act like an angel though. Sometimes she sneaks food off of our plates. I love to sing and dance wherever I am. We will begin our day singing during Morning Circle and continue singing during our lessons.

This year you will be busy learning through hands-on activities, team work and creative play. In Science, we will do many interactive activities as we learn all about the senses, animal habitats and food groups. In History we will learn about the 7 Continents... even learning about how different children live around the world. In Math, we will conquer shapes, counting and adding. In Phonics, we will learn the letter sounds, the 70 phonograms and practice writing. In Religion, we will travel back to Creation and journey all the way to Jesus' birth together.

Did I mention that you we will learn about a new virtue every month? We are *Saints in Training* striving to be more like Jesus every day. Amazing centers are being constructed over the summer. I can't wait for you to explore Lego Land, Art Creations, Construction Zone, Word World and the Home Sweet Home Center. You will also have the opportunity to participate in Dramatic Play and a lot of group games. I can't wait to meet you this September!

Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Baran

