

Summer 2018

My name is Denise LaMilza, but everyone calls me Dede. I teach the Transitional Kindergarten students, TK. Throughout the past 33 years I have met so many wonderful people at Julie Rohr Academy and made many beautiful friendships.

I am originally from Grosse Pointe, Michigan near the Detroit area. I graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science in Education. In Michigan I taught Special Education for the multiple handicapped, preschool for the learning disabled, kindergarten and first grade. In Florida I have taught Kindergarten for 28 years and the TK now for the past several years and I love it!! My Florida Certificate is for Elementary Education Kindergarten-6th grade and Exceptional Student Education Kindergarten-12th Grade.

My son Gabe is a great source of pride for his parents and family. He has had to face many physical and emotional challenges throughout his life but he has fought and won many of those battles. He was part of the JRA family starting back in 1984. He has been employed by Publix on Fruitville and Honore for the past 13 years and is quite respected there. Be sure to give Gabe a big "Hi" if you see him.

I have traveled extensively and speak a conversational French and German. Throughout the past 34 years in Florida I have developed close ties to the agricultural aspects of cattle ranching. I have been a supporter of the Sarasota Cattlewomen's organization for years, having served on their board as their president. I love the country along with the animals found there- it truly is my "Happy Place".

My favorite pastimes are spending time with family and friends. Gabe and I have a feline named Hostess Twinkie and we enjoy spending time with him at home watching TV enjoying a great movie or a good baseball game.

Regarding needs for our classroom, I want to thank you for providing a **LABELED** water bottle to keep in the classroom. The bottle should only be one where the mouth piece is covered when not in use. They must go home daily to be thoroughly washed so they are ready for the next day. Also thank you for providing a change of clothing, all labeled and folded into a Ziploc bag.

The supplies which you so kindly brought in your children will enjoy using during their Art class and classroom each day. We thank you so much for your support.

Each morning I thank you kindly for being vigilant in signing in your student. Thank you so much.

I am looking forward to an exciting and stimulating school year with your precious children; let the memories begin!

Kindly Yours,

Miss Dede

My email is: curlytopdeeds@hotmail.com or feel free to send a text when needed. I am not able to answer calls during school time but to check and answer a quick text is fine.