

All About Me!

Ms. Jaylyn

Infant Teacher

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Teaching little minds.
Touching little hearts.
Building bright futures!

A little bit about me!

Hi! My name is Jaylyn Smith! Originally from Southern Illinois, I love staying active and spending quality time with my partner. When I'm not working, you'll usually find me out on the golf course, playing pickleball, or enjoying some sunshine outdoors. I thrive on staying moving, trying new active hobbies, and bringing that same high energy and focus into everything I do.



My Family

I grew up in a small town in Southern Illinois with a population of only about 5,000 people, which made me appreciate my community and the small town life.

Family has always been at the center of my world, and I share a very close bond with my dad and my siblings.

One of my greatest joys in life is being an aunt to my three nieces; spending time with them, watching them grow, and being a constant in their lives brings me so much happiness and what keeps me going on hard days.



My Experience

My experience in early childhood education includes working at Beyond the Bell in my hometown, where I cared for students K–12. In this role, I planned engaging activities, led group programs, and helped oversee daily operations.

- ★ Graduated from Flora High School on the Honor Roll (maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher)
- ♥ Completed official Illinois state training in early childhood development and childcare
- ★ K–12 CPR Certified

My hands-on time in the field highlights my dedication to creating a safe, positive, and supportive environment for children.



Why I Love Working with Children

I love working with children because it offers the incredible privilege of helping shape their bright futures during their most formative years.

What drives my passion and provides job satisfaction is the sense of accomplishment that comes from watching a child succeed whether that's mastering a new skill, building confidence, or overcoming a small daily challenge.

Knowing that my support, guidance and care directly contribute to these moments and positive breakthroughs makes early childhood education very rewarding and motivates me every day!



What I Love About Working with FSLA

I'm inspired to be a part of First Steps Learning Academy because of the amazing environment, caring team, and commitment to each child's growth and happiness.

I look forward to creating meaningful connections with every little learner and their families!

Fun Facts About Me!



Love taking photos and making memories



Golf enthusiast and outdoor adventurer



Pickleball player



Sunshine seeker



Love music and good vibes

I can't wait to meet your little ones and be part of their learning journey!

Let's make every day a great day to learn and grow!