



## Our Journey

Dear Families:

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you and your family to KLA Schools of Naperville and Plainfield. KLA Schools of Naperville and KLA Schools of Plainfield are the product of a dream I had since childhood and a passion for making a lasting difference in the world around me.

My vision, shared by the people with whom I work every day, is to “Leave traces in the community by nurturing young minds to be responsible, respectful, caring citizens and confident leaders.”



My father was the first engineer from a remote rural village in India, and he showed my brother and me how it's possible to impact our community and help others; it starts with education. He shared quotes from some of the greatest leaders in history, and from these I have often found inspiration. Perhaps you will, too. Some of those that have remained with me throughout my life are:

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”* – Nelson Mandela

*“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”* – John F. Kennedy

*“Be the change you want to see in the world.”* – Mahatma Gandhi

*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education”* – Martin Luther King Jr.

*“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.”* – Albert Einstein

My journey to this rewarding, enriching, and fulfilling place in life started differently. I came to the United States filled with hope, happiness, and confidence with my engineering degree. As I was completing my MBA, I worked for Fortune 500 companies and a Big 4 consulting firm, yet I wasn't being fulfilled. I kept recalling a letter I had received from Mother Teresa many years earlier.

In the 7th grade, my friends and I were inspired to write a letter to Mother Teresa expressing our gratitude for the sacrifices she made and her example to the world. I never expected a reply, but she wrote back and told us we could change the world, too, if we dedicated ourselves to educating children. While conducting research on how to start a school, my husband and I learned that 90 percent of brain development occurs within the first five years of life.

The pieces of my life began to merge. I discovered my true passion: to change the world one life at a time by educating and inspiring children to have the best start in life. That's when we decided to partner with KLA Schools and founded our Plainfield school in 2013. The Reggio Emilia approach to learning parallels our beliefs that offering an inviting and healthy educational environment to children builds confidence and a sincere desire to explore the world around them. We have dedicated our efforts to providing the most exceptional learning environment for children and the results have been nothing short of humbling in their blessings to us, our staff, and most importantly the children and their families.

We have lived in Naperville since 1998. We recognized the need for a high-quality preschool here and are humbled to serve the community that has been our home all these years. Our dedicated and passionate educators lay the foundation for making positive life choices by modeling and instilling core values. Education is a lifelong process that builds upon each year, with the foundation established and strengthened during those first crucial formative years. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care." This is why we take our responsibility to create a welcoming, caring and safe learning environment for each child seriously. We offer our teachers ample professional development and training, which is essential for a high-quality school that nurtures children not only in academics, but also in fostering emotional intelligence and building the core values of kindness and empathy towards others.

I firmly believe you'll discover that our school offers a positive and profound experience for your entire family and invite you to join us on this incredibly rewarding

journey. You'll have the greatest impact on your child's life and I'd be honored to be part of that amazing journey.

I believe your child will pursue their greatest dreams with confidence and strong values, just as I have.

kindest regards,  
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