

WELCOME TO PreSchool

MEET YOUR TEACHER!

My name is Emily Coon, and I am so excited to be your preschool teacher at the James Bay Community School Centre this year! I'm looking forward to meeting all of the children and families to learn with you and explore our community together.

To start off, I thought I'd tell you a little bit more about myself! I am from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, which is a small reserve in southern Ontario. I ended up moving to Waterloo, Ontario for my undergraduate degree and this is where I fell in love with teaching toddlers and preschoolers at the university's daycare. In between singing songs, changing diapers and running around outside, I also finished my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a focus on child development. I had so much fun learning alongside children that I ended up moving out west to get my Master's degree in Child and Youth Care. Over the years, I made sure to keep laughing and playing by running early childhood programs at a public library, but now that I have finally finished my graduate degree I am ready to jump back into a classroom! I am also a sessional instructor at the University of Victoria where I teach students how to do good work with Indigenous children, youth, families, communities and lands in Child and Youth Care contexts. I currently live in Victoria with my partner, Jordan and our seventeen year old cat, Bogily – who likes to nap on my belly and dress up as a dinosaur!



I'm looking forward to so many things this year – playing on the beach, building castles and creating all the art projects with you! I also believe that families play a big role in our learning at school. If you have any questions, please email the Centre at childcare@jamesbaycentre.ca and I'd be more than happy to write you back! I can't wait to meet everyone and get this school year started!