

## TEACHER BIOS

ELAINE CHU is a craft artist/educator who has taught workshops at the ACCI Gallery, Berkeley Art Center, KALA, and SF Center for the Book. She loves working with kids to create unique pieces while they learn new concepts in art and language.

VERONICA MEDINA-ROSS has been working to protect the environment for 20+ years. She has been a researcher, government official, consultant and teacher. Veronica loves to teach students about the environment around them and guide and motivate them to help take care of our Planet.

DOUG MCNEELY, aka Slim Chance, has been performing and teaching Circus Arts for the last 15 years. He has toured the US and Europe, and has taught at many schools and parks and recreation centers.

APRIL SCHLANGER has a broad brush of skills and enthusiasm for working with and teaching young children.

ALOHA MATH staff are certified abacus instructors, and bring enthusiasm and fun while sharing the magic of abacus learning. Ms. Hausmann was a corporate finance professional for 20 years prior to opening Aloha Mind Math in Walnut Creek in 2015. She has a keen interest in cognitive development and the unique abilities of children. Together Ms. Hausmann and her staff have inspired hundreds of children to appreciate their innate abilities and discover a new approach to math.

### Math Club

SHIRLEY CHEN loves math and is excited to delve into the fun and interesting topics and applications of math. She understands that some students might not share the same level of love and enthusiasm. That's okay! Her hope is to inspire all students to see math as exciting and fun. Shirley graduated from UC Berkeley in Cognitive Science, the study of mind and brain. She has been a professional tutor for the past three years as well as a summer camp manager for two years. In her free time, she practices yoga, enjoys tea, and loves to go on walks around Berkeley.

## Origami

**JOE ADIA** - is a self-taught artist who has been practicing origami for 17 years. His first model was the traditional crane. Since then he has collected books, practiced folding daily, and designed his own models. Joe made origami a part time living by selling his models, teaching for schools and charitable programs, exhibiting at events, and teaching for Taro's Origami Studio. In his free time, Joe makes pdf and video instructions of his designs to share with his followers on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. In addition, Joe has a master's in Speech Language Pathology. He hopes to one day publish his work and be a guest for international origami conventions.

## ORIGAMI

**JENNIFER LINDERMAN**, owner and designer of "Origami Mami" has been teaching Origami to elementary school students as an after school enrichment program in the East Bay, CA for 10 plus years. She is also a skilled self-taught mixed media artist and enjoys painting and drawing human and animal portraits as well as botanical themes. Her biggest joy in life is teaching art classes and inspiring folks of all ages to learn and make art!

## SPANISH

**JOANNE RENFO** was born in Idaho and at the age of 11, moved with her family to Guatemala. She is fully bilingual and is grateful for the Guatemalan heritage she received from her mother. After living in Guatemala for 10 years, she moved to California where she is now settled. Prior to teaching, Joanne was a travel agent and has traveled to many countries around the world. She then became a Learning and Education Specialist and developed a passion for teaching. She prepared lesson plans, facilitated training workshops, and designed instructional aids for classrooms and online use.