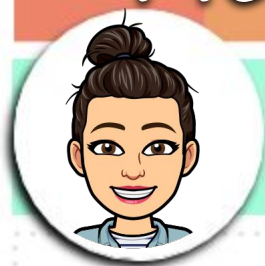


# Meet the Teachers

Laura Ward STEM School



Hey There!  
I'm Ms. Makris

I am a Chicago resident and have been teaching for over 10 years in this great city. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Education from The University of Illinois at Chicago. I am currently working on my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. My teaching philosophy is that all students can learn and will do so in a safe, nurturing and engaging educational environment.

I grew up with two older sisters and one younger brother in a small suburb outside of Chicago. There are so many things that I have experienced that make me the teacher I am today. I have a nephew who is ten years old whom I adore. I love my family and am fortunate to have such supportive siblings in my life.

Activities I enjoy are crafting, sewing, biking, walking and spending time in the heart of downtown Chicago. My work is my life. I dedicate much of my own time to pursuing new and innovative ways to teach children. I have always wanted to be a teacher, and I am extremely enthusiastic about my career path!

## FAVORITE THINGS

**COLOR:** Green

**AUTHOR:** Mo Williams

**FLOWER:** Hydrangeas

**SPORT:** Basketball; Go BULLS!

**RESTAURANT:** Outback

**DRINK:** Sparkling Water and Coffee

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Hi Everyone!  
I'm Ms. Bloom

I am Ms. Bloom and this will be my first year teaching elementary school. I earned my Master's Degree from DePaul University, but I am a former Wisconsin, Badger! As a teacher, I believe my utmost duty is to create a safe, secure and supportive classroom space for students to first feel comfortable and then build their confidence by utilizing positive reinforcement techniques. Once confidence is established, students will be able to tap into their unwavering curiosities and discover an intrinsic motivation to learn and grow, working to reach academic and socio-emotional triumph.

I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and have two older sisters, my mom and dad, and one, very cute, fluffy dog! My sisters and I live very close to one another, so we spend lots of time together. I adore my family and I am very fortunate to have my family nearby!

In my free time I enjoy running, getting lost in music, spending time with my friends, and try all the delicious restaurants Chicago has to offer! I possess a deep-rooted passion and enthusiasm when it comes to working with children and I cannot wait to get to know all of you!

## FAVORITE THINGS

**COLOR:** Lavender & green

**AUTHOR:** Sally Rooney

**FLOWER:** Hydrangeas

**SPORT:** Hockey; GO HAWKS!

**RESTAURANT:** Athenian Room

**DRINK:** Coffee & Ice Water

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