



Meet Miss Kelli Mathews!

- **Name:** Kelli Mathews
- **Position:** Specials Teacher-“Nutrition Expedition”
- **Starting Date at Joyful Noise:** June 2005
- **Degree and Experience:** Early Childhood Education Associates
Additional training includes annual NAEYC conferences

Miss Kelli Mathews graduated from Baker College and has been a part of the Joyful Noise team since 2005! She enjoys being outdoors, spending time with family and friends, reading, crafting, taking pictures, and collecting insects. She is very science-oriented and enjoys sharing this love of science and nature with the children in her care. She feels that it provides for them an appreciation for the environment around them.

Miss Kelli’s teaching philosophy:

“I fully believe that children learn best when given the opportunity to observe and participate in an open-ended and hands-on environment. My main goal in teaching is to build a learning environment that fosters the development of a child’s skills, abilities, creativity and self-esteem. It is extremely rewarding for me as an early childhood educator to see children interacting in and learning from their environment and reaching developmental milestones—I am proud to be a part of that. As the Nutrition Expedition teacher, I feel it is important to expose children to nutritious foods and introduce them to exercise at an early age so that they can make healthier choices as they grow. ”