



Hey! I am **La-Retia Titus** but I go by **Miss Lala**. I am all the way from beautiful South Africa. This is the second year I am teaching 2-4-year-olds at Benjamin Senec, and I am excited to work with your children to reach for the stars. Moreover I am teaching the afterschool English Club in Benjamin Senec.

First, allow me to share a little about myself. My teaching journey started about 5 years ago when I moved to Shanghai, China to teach young learners. Ever since teaching has become my life's passion.

My teaching philosophy is underpinned by the belief that respectful bonds with children and their families are vital for a wonderful kindergarten experience. I believe that each child has unique strengths and that my instruction must be differentiated as to be both challenging and supportive.

I believe emotional engagement is the key to powerful learning; that's why I bring laughter and passion to my work. Preschool must foster social-emotional skills in each child and lead to the creation of joyful school memories. My job is to create memorable rituals, and celebrations that honor childhood. I want my students to be active learners and creative thinkers; to learn to work hard, make good choices, and be kind.

I believe communication is key to a great parent/teacher relationship and encourages open dialogue to encourage personalized learning for students.

I am looking forward to this year with you all.

To many happy days,

La-Retia 'Lala' Titus