

Hello, my name is Jeana Tidwell. I am 32 years old and I have worked for CLC since 2008. I have three boys who have all been enrolled at CLC during the last 10 years. My oldest is now in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and my middle son is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Lafayette; leaving my youngest still with me at CLC in the two year old room. For nine years I worked as teacher in a toddler class, but this year I am in the Creeper room. I am the first person to work every morning at 6:30 a.m. When I arrive I start preparing for the day doing such things as preparing our bleach bottles for cleaning and I take phone calls from staff who are calling in sick for the day. Sometimes it is very hard to get out of bed so early, but I love being able to leave at 3:00 to be with my boys when they get out of school. I have worked in childcare my whole life, but I would love to one day go to school to be a nurse. Until then, I consider myself the school nurse at CLC. Everyone knows I don't mind all the gross, bloody injuries that come along with bumps and accidents in a childcare.

I love working with babies; they always amaze me when they first start mimicking everything we say and do and showing us glimpses of their personalities. Sometimes the children you may think will be soft tempered will end up being very strong-willed and the other way around. But at this age, most girls are very bossy and funny; with the boys being charming and most lovable.

I enjoy my job because I get to watch children grow and learn. It really is amazing how much they learn and grow in their first year of life. The most challenging part of my job is trying to figure out what is wrong with a baby after all of its basic needs have been met. My advice to a new teacher would be to always make sure the children know that you love them and to be PATIENT.

My favorite bible verse that gives me encouragement is, "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31. My favorite quote is "Why fit in when you were born to STAND OUT."

A few things on my bucket list are

- Go to Disney World and Universal Studios
- Swim with dolphins
- Go on a cruise

# Random Questions

WERE YOU NAMED AFTER ANYONE? **My Dad**

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLC LUNCH?

WOULD YOU BUNGEE JUMP? **Maybe**

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CEREAL? **Froot Loops and Lucky Charms**

DO YOU UNTIE YOUR SHOES WHEN YOU TAKE THEM OFF? **No**

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU NOTICE ABOUT PEOPLE? **Eyes**

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ICE CREAM? **Vanilla**

RED OR PINK? **Red**

BLUE OR GREEN? **Blue**

IF YOU WERE A CRAYON, WHAT COLOR WOULD YOU BE? **Why pick one?! They are all pretty**

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO? **Nothing**

MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY OR BEACH HOUSE? **Both**

FAVORITE PROGRAM TO WATCH?

FAVORITE SMELLS?

SUMMER OR WINTER? **Both**

HUGS OR KISSES? **Depends**

FAVORITE DESSERT? **Too many**

WHAT IS THE FARTHEST YOU HAVE BEEN FROM HOME? **New Mexico or Canada**

WHERE WERE YOU BORN? **New Albany, MS**