

## About Mrs. Silva

Welcome! My name is Mrs. Silva. This is my third year teaching art at Stepney Elementary School. Prior to teaching in Monroe, I taught for a number of years at Peck Place Elementary School in Orange, CT. Ever since I completed my student teaching at Fawn Hollow Elementary, I always wanted to be a teacher in Monroe. I love the close community aspect of this town, as well as the dedication to education and the emphasis on the visual arts. I am thrilled to be teaching in the place I call home.



I completed my Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education with a minor in psychology at Southern Connecticut State University. I also hold a Master's degree in Psychology and 6<sup>th</sup> Year in Special Education. Currently, I am in the process of obtaining my doctoral degree at the University of Bridgeport.

In addition to sharing my creative passion with the children of Monroe, I am also the director of the New Haven Lawn Club's Summer Program.



I believe in establishing a positive and warm classroom environment filled with inspiration, kindness, and self-expression through the visual arts. It is my mission to expose students to a variety of art media and genres, educate them in techniques and processes, and inspire creativity and appreciation for the arts. Your hallways at Stepney Elementary School will be decorated with student work. Artwork will also be featured at various school functions such as our musical concerts, and of course, the annual Da Vinci Festival in the Spring! I will be holding onto projects for these events, so your children will come home towards the end of the year with a beautiful portfolio of work!



I am really looking forward to a great year in art. My door is always open. Feel free to call or email me at any time. I am very delighted to be teaching your children, and I am so grateful to have the opportunity to give back to the district that has given me so much.