**Staff Bios ... focus on Littles classrooms**

**Yumiko Nakagome** is our Lead Teacher in the Finch Room. She is from Japan and graduated from the university in Yokohama, where she studied American English Literature and Education. Yumiko worked as an intern teacher in an elementary school in Blocksburg, (northern) California. That experience inspired her to pursue the field of Early Childhood Education at Lane Community College.

She has been working with infants and toddlers for the last 19 years. She enjoys the young children, who are so innocent and willing to grow. She is married to Shugo and has two daughters, Yulia, 14 years old, and Lina, 11 years old. They enjoy camping in the summer and going for walks with their golden retriever, Huppi.

**Danijela Koh** is our Lead Teacher in the Chickadee Room. She moved to Eugene in 2001 and is originally from Montenegro, which is part of former Yugoslavia.

In 2004, Danijela graduated from Lane Community College with a two year degree in Early Childhood Education. She has ten years professional experience working with children at EW Odd Child Development Center before becoming a Lead Teacher for the infant Room at Moss Street, in 2014. Danijela loves to work with infants—watching them develop and grow.

Her husband’s name is Ivan. They have a cat named Lilly and a dog named Tina. Danijela loves traveling, spending time outdoors, knitting, and reading books.

**Sidney Noble** is our afternoon Lead Teacher in the Littles Program. Sidney has worked at Moss Street for almost 4 years, first as a student staff member and now as a Lead Teacher. Sidney graduated in 2016 from the University of Oregon with a degree in General Social Sciences.

Sidney loves working with children because they are so incredibly creative, inspiring, and so free to be themselves. She also loves being able to watch each unique personality grow, and support them as they gain their own independence.

A bit of a homebody, Sidney moved with her family to Eugene from the Oregon Coast when she was 11. She has lived in Eugene ever since, and loves exploring Oregon’s great outdoors. Sidney also loves arts and crafts, cooking, yoga, and hiking.