

## **ABOUT MELISSA**

Melissa is a devoted educator with a passion for fostering a lifelong love of learning in children. She graduated with honors from **Bucknell University** with degrees in Education (concentration in human diversity) and European History. She was inducted into **Kappa Delta Pi**, the national honors society for education students. Melissa then completed her master's degree in Elementary Inclusive Education at **Teachers College Columbia University**, where she gained experience teaching all subject areas throughout New York City. Melissa taught for four years at PS 158 in Manhattan as a lead classroom teacher. She mentored new teachers and collaborated with other teachers and administrators to develop new curriculum. Currently, Melissa is pursuing a masters degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

### **degrees & certifications:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Education
- Master of Arts in Childhood Education
- New York State Certification in Childhood Education (grades 1-6)
- New Jersey Certification in Elementary Education (grades K-5)

### **specialty training:**

- Teachers College Reading and Writing Project literacy curriculum
- Mathematics in the City Institute
- Metamorphosis (mathematics) Institute
- Teachers College Inclusive Classroom Project