

**Our Children's Center**



**MONTESSORI**



*Ms. Amanda is very excited to begin her second year at OCC! This year, Amanda will join Classroom 1 as a Cooperating Teacher and will Lead our Pre-K Counts Program.*

*Amanda has always had an interest in Montessori teaching, being not only an OCC graduate, but also the daughter of a former OCC teacher. Working with children has always been a passion for Amanda. In 2004 and 2007, Amanda spent time in New Delhi,*

*India teaching English to children of migrant construction workers, and in Tanzania caring for young children in an orphanage. It was during this time she realized her dream was to become a teacher. After finishing her degree at Penn State in elementary and early childhood education, Amanda spent a year volunteering in AmeriCorps at the Centre County Youth Service Bureau, helping educate families about child development and different parenting practices.*

*Prior to joining OCC, Amanda worked at a local child care center for 3 years, first in the toddler room and then as a preschool teacher. Amanda has two children of her own: Adrienne, who is 4, and Zander, who is 1. Amanda's hobbies include art, reading, hiking, and spending time with her family.*