



## Meet the Teacher



# Ms. Ari

## Lead Guide in Casa

### About Me

Raised in Houston, TX, Ms. Ari made sunny Grand Cayman her home in 2018. Since living here, she enjoys embracing the Caymanian culture and immersing herself in the warmth of the people and the rich traditions. Ms. Ari looks forward to continuing making connections with the local community and adding meaningful contributions to Grand Cayman.



Her love affair with the Montessori philosophy began in 1998 while working as an aide for an autistic child—a life-changing experience that led her to complete her Montessori Casa training 2002. In 2020, she earned her Lower Elementary certificate, deepening her commitment to this incredible philosophy. Ms. Ari has had the privilege of teaching in Kenya and Ghana and even served as the director of Montessori schools in both Houston and Austin. She is deeply passionate about nurturing social-emotional learning and fostering a strong growth mindset in the children she teaches. She has years of experience teaching children with special and additional needs and firmly believes that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive, flourish, and reach their fullest potential.

Beyond the classroom, Ms. Ari lives life with zest—traveling the world, dancing whenever she can, pedaling her way to fitness at Ryde, devouring good books and podcasts, appreciating the joy of music, and hanging out with her beloved cats.

### Fun Facts

- \* I am the oldest of 5 (the rest are all boys)
- \* I was not a “cat lady” until I moved to Grand Cayman
- \* Sunflowers are my favourite flower

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“I never lose. Either I win or learn.”  
-Nelson Mandela





## Meet the Teacher



# Ms. Courtney

Assistant in Casa

### About Me

Ms. Courtney is one of our Assistant Directresses in our Casa environment. Courtney has been living in Cayman for 10 years now and recently received her Permanent Residency!

Originally from Toronto Canada, Courtney moved here in 2014 where she worked as Assistant Casa Teacher at Village Montessori for three years (two of those years with Miss Bri!). Prior to moving to Cayman, Ms. Courtney worked at Country Casa Montessori for four years. She has a Diploma in Early Childhood Education (0-6) and her Montessori AMI Assistant Diploma (2.5-6). Ms. Courtney takes great care of overseeing our animals (our rabbits, Mushroom, Salt & Pepper, and our guinea pig, Nutmeg). In her spare time, she enjoys Ryde, yoga, and going for beach walks!

### Fun Facts

- \* I enjoy helping in the local community with either NCVO or the Humane Society on weekends.
- \* I love adventure activities, like zip-lining in the forest.
- \* I have 2 rescue dogs & one day hope to have my own rescue sanctuary.

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# Ms. Blessa

## Assistant in Casa

### About Me


Ms. Blessa moved to the Cayman Islands in March 2022. When she was young, she used to play the role of a teacher with her playmates as her students. It was her childhood dream and is why she decided to pursue a degree in Education. Eventually, she also became a Licensed Professional Teacher in the Philippines. After 5 years of teaching at different levels, she realised that she truly wants to be a teacher that supports her students in every aspect, enhances their skills and knowledge, and helps them reach their dreams too; to be the one who believes that they can be whoever they want to be! This led Ms. Blessa to pursue her Masters degree in Educational Management, which she is studying towards now. While taking her Masters degree, she also gained her certification of AMI Montessori Orientation (3-6). Ms. Blessa also enjoys making crafts, climbing mountains, and looking for the best coffee shop to read and study!

### Fun Facts

- \* I love going out for a walk while listening to podcasts
- \* I enjoy being a model for fashion shows & photoshoots
- \* Watching the sunset makes my day 100X better!

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"Nothing changes if nothing changes"





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## Ms. Quincey

Assistant in Casa

### About Me

Born and raised in the Cayman Islands, Quincey has always had a great connection with children around her and a passion for nurturing young minds. After moving to Canada in 2022 to pursue further education, she decided to return to the Cayman Islands to fulfill her dream of working with children. With a love for kids and a genuine appreciation for their joy, positivity, and innocence, Quincey finds great joy in being part of their learning environment. She is particularly drawn to the Montessori approach, which aligns perfectly with her belief in fostering independence and freedom while allowing children to learn through play, motivation and exploration. As an assistant teacher, Quincey is dedicated to creating a supportive and engaging space where children can thrive!

### Fun Facts

- \* I have 5 fur babies
- \* I make jewelry in my spare time
- \* My family and I once scared off a grizzly bear!

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"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

— Forest E. Witcraft

