

## Karen Papetti

Karen Papetti began to play the violin in the 3rd grade. By the 9th grade she was playing with All-District Orchestras in Massachusetts and had played solo with the local community orchestra. She studied under Virginia Loiselle at the university level and has a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from the University of Lowell (now UMASS at Lowell) in Massachusetts.

Ms. Papetti directed the string program grades 3-8 in the Marlborough Public School system in Massachusetts as well as teaching general music classes at the Middle School level.

Most recently, she was the Preschool Music Director and Assistant Director at a local preschool in East Cobb. Her duties included writing music lessons and curriculum to fit all of the ages that the preschool served. She also wrote musical plays and programs, practiced with and directed performances for the 50+ children at the preschool.

The performance history for Ms. Papetti includes playing for several orchestras in Milan, Italy and New Jersey as well as freelance playing. While in Italy, she played with L'Accademia Concertante d'Archi Di Milano Orchestra under the baton of Mauro Ivano Benaglia. Upon returning to the United States, she played with the New Sussex Symphony in New Jersey under the baton of Karen Pinoci. While in New Jersey, Ms. Papetti ran a successful string studio and frequently played freelance. Combined, Ms. Papetti has over 18 years experience teaching at every level grades Preschool through High School.

Ms. Papetti currently resides in East Cobb with her husband and three children in East Cobb County. She loves teaching and sharing music with children.