

ABOUT SAMANTHA

Samantha has a passion for making education accessible and engaging for all. She studied Developmental Psychology at **Bard College**, where she worked as a research assistant conducting studies to determine the impact of social-emotional support on academic success among high school students. From this experience, she knew she wanted to be more involved in the classroom and found elementary education to be the most fulfilling.

After graduating with a Bachelors of Science, she moved to New York City to work as a Lead Teacher in Brooklyn. She worked there for 4 years in an ICT classroom setting in kindergarten through first grade. While teaching, she simultaneously completed her Masters in Education from **Touro University**, where she was inducted into **Kappa Delta Pi, the National Honors Society of Education**. She currently teaches second grade on the Upper East Side, in a classroom with a high population of English Language Learners from diverse backgrounds. She has tutored kindergarten - 8th grade, as well as in college courses as a teacher's assistant. She feels most fulfilled when she sees students have that "ah-ha" moment, and start to fall in love with learning.

degrees & certifications:

- Bachelor of Science in Developmental Psychology, Bard College
- Master of Arts in Education, Touro University
- New York State Certification, Childhood Education (grades 1-6)
- New York State Certification, Students with Disabilities (grades 1-6)

specialty training:

- Contexts for Learning Mathematics Training
- Success for All: K-3 Phonics Training
- Guided Reading Group Instruction and Targeted Coaching via Fountas and Pinnell Level Literacy Intervention
- Second Step Social- Emotional Learning Curriculum