

HOMETOWN HERO:

Diane Velozo

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At the beginning of every school year, we cross our fingers and hope for an understanding teacher for our son, Jacob Intner. We feel especially lucky that Jacob has Ms. Velozo this year. Right from the start, she has been a strong advocate for Jacob. Her classroom is an excellent example of how inclusion can work. She recognizes Jacob’s strengths and utilizes them to work on his weaknesses. Ms. Velozo incorporates Jacob’s social skill development into every day by having him call on classmates, exchange greetings, and reach out to peers on the playground. She has also taken the time to educate her other students on how to interact with Jacob.

Ms. Velozo is always willing to discuss his progress and try new tools and techniques. Our son has flourished in her classroom. Ms. Velozo is a very gifted and dedicated teacher and an asset to Cape St. Claire Elementary.