

**Manisha Jain**  
**Prime Division Teacher**

Manisha Jain came to Sage nine years ago, looking for a school that would be the right fit for her daughters. Not only did her daughters find a second home at Sage, Manisha found a community that echoed her sentiments pertaining to teaching and learning. Sage balances and nurtures these complementary processes in a seamless fashion, resulting in maximizing the potential of every individual here, child or adult. This community of lifelong learners held her interest and reaffirmed her belief in her vocation.

This is Manisha's ninth year teaching Kindergarten at The Sage School. She views her classroom as a place that lays the foundation of a child's success at Sage and beyond. Not only is she a witness to immense academic growth, but more importantly, the social and emotional growth of her students. It is fascinating for her to watch "young people grow", to hear them read and make connections among pieces of literature, to see the whole class cooperate to write an acrostic poem, to hear them reason mathematically, and above all see them bonding together as a group.

Manisha has high expectations of her students. She firmly believes that if you set the bar high, children always rise to meet the challenge. Her classroom provides a safe and structured avenue for children to stumble, learn from their mistakes, and make the leap from "I cannot" to "I can." Using a thematic, interdisciplinary approach, Manisha strives to add breadth and depth to her curriculum content and instruction, in order to satisfy her students' appetites for more. She looks forward as each new year presents new challenges and new potential successes.

This year Manisha spearheaded the project of streamlining our after school program and for the past few years, she has been responsible for organizing "Cluster Week" a very popular and much sought after time for our students. Manisha finds these responsibilities extremely rewarding as they allow her to connect with students across divisions and stay in touch with her former students. She is also extremely thankful for an amazingly supportive community of adults, where everyone is "appreciated for their gifts."

Manisha lives in Foxboro with her husband. Her daughters Supriya and Saloni, after graduating from Sage are boarding at Philips Academy in Andover, MA. A world traveler, Manisha has traveled to France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, India, and most recently Egypt, to name a few. She is an avid chess and sudoku player; they keep her brain cells alive! In her spare time, she loves to read, watch movies, go shopping, and cook, but best of all, she loves coming to Sage everyday to learn!