

FDK BEFORE & AFTER

Dear Families,

We are very excited to welcome you all to a new year at Willy! We're back at it again, bigger and better than before! It's been a pleasure meeting you all this past month, and we are very excited to be working with your families. Part of our role in the classroom is observing and documenting children's play and creating activities and curriculum that support their holistic development. The types of experiences we create are play-based; meaning they stem from the child's interests and facilitate children's exploration and inquiry.

The curriculum experiences we prepare are aimed at supporting children across all developmental domains (Social, Emotional, Language & Literacy, Cognitive and Physical). We use the Ontario Early Learning Framework to guide our programming and practice in our classroom. Part of this Early Learning Framework is the Continuum for Development. For more information on our programming resources, as well as a copy of our weekly program plan, please speak to a teacher in the classroom!

**Best wishes for the New Year!
The FDK Family**



Halloween is October 26-30/ 2015!

We are planning a week of fun and thrills for the days leading up to Halloween.

Mon, Oct 26 - Minute to Win It Monday! Plenty of fun with quick and crazy challenges!

Tues, Oct 27 - Tarantula Tuesday! We will be making edible tarantulas for a spooky snack!

Wed, Oct 28 - Weird Wednesday! We will be using our 5 senses to explore some spooky sensory activities!

Thurs, Oct 29 - Halloween Party! We invite our class to dress up after school and party with treats, music, games and fun! (Teachers can help your child put their costume on after school).

Fri, Oct 30 - Costume Parade! The FDK class will march in the back field after school (from 3:15-3:45) to show off our amazing costumes!

PA DAY - Friday, November 13th!

Our class will be going to 4Cats Art Studio! Stay tuned for more details!

A Friendly Reminder!

We all have accidents! Please don't forget to pack an extra change of clothes for your child to leave in the daycare.

Also, as the weather changes, we ask that you dress your child for the outdoors. We plan for outdoor play every day, so please send sweaters, raincoats, boots and hats as needed! Thank you!

Portfolios

Part of our job is to observe children in a variety of developmental areas. We are compiling portfolios for each child in our class. Portfolios will include weekly anecdotal observations, photos, and examples of your child's work. We invite all parents and caregivers to explore your child's work. Please ask a teacher to show you where the portfolios are located.

Family Photos!

We would like to start a family photo collage, please bring your favorite family photo!

A Note from the Supervisor

Dear Parents,

I just want to formally welcome all of our new and returning families to WRDCC. We hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and that you are all excited about a great school year ahead!

I would like to announce to all our families that beginning in March 2016, WRDCC will be open for the March Break for all of our age groups (Kindergarten & All School Age Classes). More information and details to follow!

Save the Date: Wednesday, November 18th we will be hosting our Annual Art Show Auction/ Annual Business Meeting. This will be a great night for all our families to attend. The children will be exhibiting some of their artwork for families to view. This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet the families of WRDCC and learn how you can get involved! Child care is provided during the meeting, and the children will enjoy entertainment, pizza, crafts, and cookie decorating.

Please note: My office is located in the lower level of the school in the Junior School Age Room. Please feel free to send me an email or drop in and speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Best Regards,
Anna Zizzari
Supervisor, WRDCC**

Lauren Toliopoulos

My name is Lauren Toliopoulos, and I'm the assistant supervisor at WRDCC, as well as a registered ECE in the FDK classroom. I'm currently in the process of obtaining my resource consultant certificate, and hope to be completed by 2017.

I grew up in Markham as the youngest of three siblings in a very close family. I've always had a strong interest in working with people, especially children, and having a sister on the autism spectrum has instilled in me a passion for working with those with special needs. I've worked with children and their families in a variety of capacities for over eight years. I also volunteer with organizations that support adults with a variety of exceptionalities.

I love to travel and I love animals. I truly love working with children, and I feel very fortunate to be able to work with all the wonderful families that make up the Williamson Road community. In my first year at the center, I had the pleasure of assisting with the opening of the FDK before and after program and I am excited to welcome our new and returning families to our wonderful center. I truly look forward to an amazing year ahead!

Samantha Little

My Name is Samantha Little, and this is my second year as a teacher in Kindergarten Classroom at WRDCC. I'm currently in the process of completing my Early Childhood Educators diploma, and I also work for the TDSB as lunch room supervisor for the Room 8 Kindergarteners. I've been working with children for as long as I can remember, and having three younger sisters has equated to many years of practice from an early age. I have experience working in daycares stemming back for 5 years, and I have worked as a nanny for 3 years, prior to joining the WRDCC and TDSB teams.

I love animals, especially dogs, and I enjoy spending time with my family and my dogs at home. I love sports and being active, and in the past I have coached for t-ball teams, been a soccer referee, and played baseball and soccer recreationally. I try to share my love for sports and active play through my programming planning in the classroom, as I believe gross motor experiences and activities are an integral part of children's development. It's been a pleasure meeting you all over the last few weeks, and I'm truly looking forward to a great year ahead with all the returning and new Kindergarteners!

Aileen Ventura

My name is Aileen Ventura and I'm from the Philippines. I came to Canada in 2001, I've been working as a caregiver and nanny since my arrival. Early on, I realized my love for working with children, and so I worked towards becoming a registered ECE. I'll admit that at times it was tough working full time during the day, and attending school in the evenings, but it was definitely worth it. I'm proud to say that I've been a fully registered Early Childhood Educator for more than 5 years.

I feel lucky that in my work I get to experience meeting and working with many different families with different backgrounds and cultures. I'm grateful to have an opportunity to work with all the families that make up WRDCC. I'm looking forward to a meaningful and joyful working experience with you all this year, and can't wait to experience all your children have to offer!

Anna Zizzari, Supervisor

My name is Anna, I was born and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia. I moved to Toronto when I was 19 years old to continue my learning in Education. I attended Humber College in 2002 and then transferred to Ryerson where I received my degree in Early Childhood Studies. I began working for WRDCC in early 2007 as an Early Childhood Educator. I became the Assistant Supervisor in 2011 and was promoted as the Supervisor in 2013.

I knew from a young age that I wanted to be an educator. It is deeply fulfilling to watch each child grow more proficient and confident throughout the course of their time in our Centre. It is truly a privilege to watch as they discover themselves and grow. I train, assist, and manage our wonderful group of educators; without them, the day to day operations could not be done.

On my off time I enjoy playing squash, cross fit training, rock climbing and most of all I love to COOK! I have 2 dogs, Storm and Jake, and they go everywhere with me. I started at this Centre when it was only 4 staff and 27 children. In the last two years, we have grown to over 10 staff, and are currently licensed for over 70 children. I look forward to a great year and getting to know all of our children and families of WRDCC.

