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Melissa Robins Kindergarten/ Grade One



About Me

1. Who are you and why do you care about being an educator?

Hi! I'm Melissa Robins. I am a daughter, sister, wife and mom to two little (very busy) boys! I have wanted to be a teacher since I was in grade one at Norwood school. I still remember my teacher's library and how my love for picture books started with her. When you see our classroom library you can see my love has not faded. I think every book I read in class is my favourite. I love and care about being an educator because of the impact we can have on our students. We can encourage them to go outside of their comfort zones and take risks.

2. How will my child be spending their days in a safe and caring learning environment?

I want to create a caring and comfortable learning environment where students feel safe to "take chances, make mistakes, and get messy" (Mrs. Frizzle). We talk alot about kindness, filling buckets, and being UNIQUELY YOU! My goal this year is to instill a love for learning in all students while meeting all COVID expectations. Students feel safe to be themselves, take risks and get the answers wrong to learn.

3. What skills will my child be developing and practicing that will set them up for success now and in the future?

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The early years are the foundation for all learning. Number sense, letters, blending, phonemic awareness, rhyming... are all skills used throughout a childs' education. For example, sorting. It seems like such a simple math skill our kids can master at a young age. If you dig deeper sorting builds on analyzing data, learning relationships among objects, assigning groups and so much more. Plus they love it!

Students will also be engaged in different sensory and fine motor activities. Students learn the best through play. They will be building letters with playdough, searching through rice to find letters, cutting different designs, printing with shaving cream, tracing on sand paper and ripping paper to make collages. All of these activities and more build on children's language, math and science skills. School is so much more than memorizing. We give them the chance to touch, manipulate and investigate. So let's play!

4. How can we ensure we are on the same page?

Newsletters are sent out monthly to go over what we have learned, what we are going to learn and what you can do at home.

If you ever have any questions or concerns please contact me.

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