



Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome! It is with great pleasure that I introduce you to Windmill Creek Academy. Our mission is to develop strength of character and strong academic skills in our students. For over 25 years, the founders of Windmill Creek Academy and their families have been dedicated to the education of young children in the Washington, D.C. suburbs, and we have continued the tradition in Naples. In just our first year of operation, we are proud to announce that we are a winner of the 2009 Southwest Florida CHOICE Awards, "Best Child Care." The award is a testament to our dedicated teachers and staff. Our program guides and encourages even our youngest students on the path to academic excellence – while celebrating each child's creativity and unique gifts. Love, acceptance, and the joy of childhood guide our curriculum and philosophy – our goal is that Windmill Creek Academy "graduates" leave not only as great students but also as children of great character.

Please feel free to call for more information or to schedule a tour. I look forward to learning more about you and your child and what we can bring to your child's academic and creative abilities!

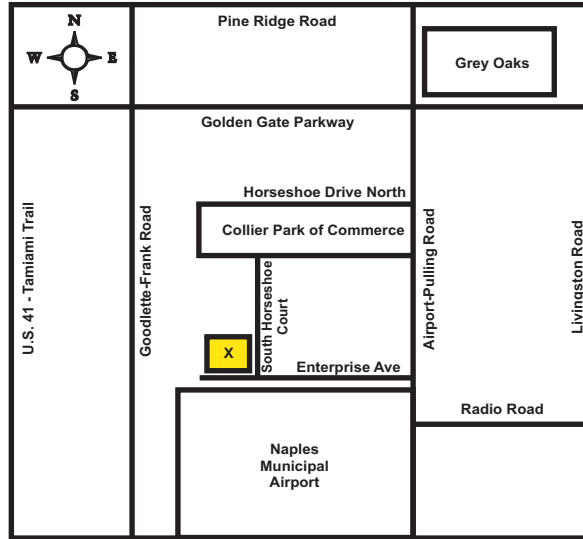
Looking forward to meeting you,

Janine Connell  
 Founder & Director  
 Windmill Creek Academy



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**Ages:** Infants (6 weeks) - Pre-K (VPK Provider)

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch and an Afternoon Snack are included

**Hours:** Windmill Creek Academy is open year-round, Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Staff:** Our teachers and staff are thoroughly trained and screened (criminal, fingerprint and background checks). We require a 45 hour training period as well as continuing education throughout each year. Additionally, most of our staff have their CDA (Child Development Associate) credential which includes over 600 hours of child-care specific training, have CPR and First Air Training, and several of our staff have Bachelor's Degrees

**Class Sizes:** Our teacher/student ratios are kept small to allow for individual attention

**Music and Arts:** The creative arts are a highlight of Windmill Creek Academy and are included in tuition

**Holidays:** Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, "Good" Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day



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**Our Purpose** is to guide children to develop cognitively, physically, and socially in a safe, happy and creative environment. In an atmosphere of love and acceptance, the children learn to play and work together. Our school community is one that respects each person – welcoming students of all races, creeds and nationalities.

**Our Curriculum** aims to develop the children's skills in language, math, social studies, science, physical education, drama, music, and the arts. Our curriculum is fun, interactive and child-centered – using stories, learning centers and various teacher-directed activities to achieve our objectives.

**Our Philosophy** is that a child's character is just as vital to their overall growth as a strong academic foundation. Our Character Training Program is interwoven throughout the curriculum and highlights two specific values each month.



*Our 2009 Pre-Kindergarten Graduates!*



### **Windmill Creek Academy's Curriculum**

Our curriculum embraces Reading and Math Readiness, the Arts, Social Studies and Science

#### **Readiness**

Lifelong foundations are laid for success in reading and math readiness. Our phonics program is designed to make children feel completely at ease with the alphabet and familiar with each sound and symbol before learning to read. Our individualized program encourages the child to progress at their own speed so that they develop healthy self-esteem and discover that learning is fun! In our math program, emphasis is placed on building experience with tangible objects. Experimental knowledge is reinforced by tracing numbers, seriation, and sorting.

#### **Music**

A highlight of Windmill Creek's program is Music! Movement, rhythm instruments and plenty of singing and dancing encourages your child's creative expression. Music encourages "whole brain" learning because music calls upon both analytical and creative (left and right brain) skills. Music increases phonological awareness, builds vocabulary and... is a lot of fun!

#### **Art**

Providing extensive media for self-expression, our arts program includes paints, crayons, markers, chalk, mosaics, and clay. The students also study the works of the "masters." By learning to imitate the works of such great artists as Van Gogh, Picasso and Leonardo da Vinci, the students become aware of diverse arenas of self-expression. We encourage the students to go even further – by putting their own creative inspiration on their own masterpieces!

#### **Social Studies & Science**

The students conduct experiments, study animals and learn about insects. We discover, "All About Me," and learn about senses, shapes & colors. We explore, "Our Solar System," plants & seeds, famous people, and various other mini-lessons.

### **School Campus - Indoors**

Once you enter through the main entrance doors at Windmill Creek Academy, you'll discover you're stepping into a different kind of learning environment. The school's welcoming foyer makes for a comforting transition between school and home. A few more steps brings you to the heart of Windmill Creek Academy - the "Studio." Windmill Creek Academy has specific "Resource Centers" for each child's use. We have Music Time in the Studio which includes a state-of-the-art digital grand piano. Story Time is lead in the Library as well as in the classrooms. Art is lead in classrooms as well as outdoors. Computer Time is offered in the Studio. Except for our youngest students, the children use the entire school building. Alternating from room-to-room creates a sense of expectancy and maintains a stimulating environment. (*\*At the time of printing, Windmill Creek Academy is undergoing a school-wide "make-over."*)

### **Outdoors**

Unlike any other preschool in Naples, Windmill Creek Academy's tree-lined campus affords shaded playing areas in a park-like setting. There is a tire swing, five slides, a large sandbox, a "monkey bar car," picnic tables, and hard-surfaced areas for tricycles and games of hopscotch. We have a custom-made wooden playhouse -- complete with its own landscaping and garden gnomes! A favorite area with the children is a large grassy area for a quick game of soccer! If your child wants to take a moment and simply lay in the grass with a friend and watch the clouds go by in our playground, that's okay too! There's plenty of room to roam and relax.



*Our newly remodeled infant room is cozy and inviting with warm colors and dimmable lighting*