



# anthology

## The Child Study Centre Junior Kindergarten Anthology

### Afternoon Class 2016-2017

As the year winds down at the Child Study Centre Junior Kindergarten the teachers think of a metaphor to represent the group dynamic created by the individuals in the class. This group needed to be compared to something that represented a collection of individual stories: An anthology! This speech will highlight the many stories that make up the Child Study Centre Junior Kindergarten Afternoon Class Anthology, and will proceed in alphabetical order.

**Amaiya:** Amaiya's story focuses on its characters - important people: mom, little sister Kalyia, now three years old, dad, grandma, great grandparents, and cousin and how they participated at JK. Amaiya, thanks for being so loving while having the mighty spirit of a tiger!

**Amyrah:** Amyrah's story focuses on self-growth and the amazing journey taken with mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, Lisandros, and VJ. This year Amyrah roared like a gentle lioness! Thanks for being so social and talkative!

**Ashton:** Ashton's story is the mystery of finding how to be true to her amongst such strong, and sometimes seemingly dangerous, personalities that she shared JK with. Participating in making beautiful things with paint, play dough, and crafts helped her find her voice, and listening to the encouraging words of trusted friends, "just have a try". Ashton, bravo on being brave like a tiger!

**Chelsey:** Once upon a time there was a Chinese princess named Chelsey who thought the world was "so beautiful!" During a year at JK she learned how to be independent and understand English. Chelsey, thanks for being so charismatic!

**Chloe:** Chloe's story is about a golden unicorn who participated in a sing off and won! Chloe's dynamic personality and flare for singing and dancing have initiated activities we would never have dreamed of. Chloe, thanks for being a great event organizer!

Connor: Connor's story is a story of revelation. It reveals that he can, he does and he will! During the course of the year he has become increasingly independent and social. Connor, thanks for speaking words of love, encouragement, and praise. You are the "goodest" Connor we've ever taught!

Eva: Eva's story is an autobiography of the life of an artist who learned how to express her ideas through sculptures using play dough, lego, magnetic tiles, and craft materials. It's about challenging the laws of gravity! Eva thanks for investing time and energy into sharing your amazing ideas.

Jacob: Jacob's story involves a policeman who operates/collects large equipment in his free time. Excavators, bull dozers, graders-he loves them all! Jacob, thanks for showing us how to construct vehicles.

Jessica: Jessica's story is about a cheerleader who shows the world that stormy times are often followed by rainbows. Thanks for seeing the goodness in all of us and encouraging us to be proud of our attempts, and just try again! Jessica thanks for sharing your tenderness and wisdom!

Julia: Julia's story is about an undercover agent whose mission is to secretly spread kindness. Julia's smiles, pats on the shoulder, secret hugs, and winks have made everyone feel important. Julia thanks for modeling sharing your gifts (kindness & inclusion) and communicating your limits.

Lilianna: Lilianna's story is about metamorphosis. It involves a young girl whose passion went from *Frozen's* Elsa to Samuria ninjas. Through this big transformation her love for Chomp, her stuffy Tricereapops, remained steady. Lilianna, thanks for working so hard at playing fair.

Luca: Luca's story starts with a workbench filled with construction tools-like Tim the Toolman from the TV show Home Improvement. Like Tim, Luca is a charming likeable character who loves the feel of a drill in his hand and the sound of a hammer pounding in nails. All year long, Luca has been constructing excavators and snow plows. Luca, thanks for sharing your passion for construction.

Philip: Philip's story is a long, intricate fantastical narration of good guy beats the bad guy. The bad guy has an evil laugh, dresses in a costume similar to the Mouse King, and travels in a pirate ship. The good guy has a mighty sword and lives in a castle. Philip thanks for sharing your story telling skills while playing and learning in the block centre, play house and during show-and-share.

Victoria: Victoria is our tom-boy princess. She is rough and tumble and loves to dress us in fancy clothes. She loves to build and run and cares for Chelsey and Jacob like a kind friend. Victoria thank you for sharing your love for learning, and for being a translator for Chelsey.

Xander: The details of Xander's story are less important as the fact it is written in all capitals! Xander exudes EXCITEMENT FOR EVERYTHING!! From Xander's perspective "everything is awesome" even when you are apart from a loved one because you keep them in your heart! How can a four year old be so wise? Xander thanks for being so playful and animated.

Zara: Zara's story focuses on loving, encouraging, at- times bossy, dialogue between her and those she cares for. "Sweetie, it's time for bed." "Sweetie, here's your dinner, what do you want to eat first?" Zara thanks for confidently approaching the unknown and leading the way with kindness.

Children thank you for sharing your stories with us all year long. It has been a pleasure listening and learning beside you. Now that Junior Kindergarten (JK) it's time to be like our butterflies and have adventures outside of JK. Always remember, "Until you spread your wings, you'll never know how far you can fly!" We will keep you in our hearts, and look forward to our paths crossing in the future.



Love,

Ann, Jenn, and Frieda