

A Child's Garden

- Meet the Teachers -



Benjamin Lancaster

Iris Class (Pre-K)

Ben, a former student at NGFS and graduate of Guilford College, was previously the Director of Extended Care, and has loved his current role in the preschool classroom since 2017. Ben enjoys working in a close-knit, supportive community where “all students' differences are recognized and celebrated.”

Courtney O'Shea

Crocus Class (Preschool)

Courtney is an experienced early childhood educator who was formerly a directing teacher at the National Child Research Center and the Spring Valley Montessori Academy. This will be Courtney's first year in A Child's Garden. “I believe children learn best when they can use hands-on exploration to satisfy sensory needs and further curiosity.”



Jeannie Wigal

Iris Class (Pre-K)

After 15 years in A Child's Garden, Jeannie continues to enjoy, "instilling a love of school and a curiosity for learning in children just beginning their school experiences." Jeannie previously studied Child Development and Human Development and the Family. Jeannie shares her love of gardening with the preschool students by tending the NGFS plot together in the Guilford College Community Garden.



Lorenza Wyatt

Crocus Class (Preschool)

Lorenza is a former NGFS parent with experience as a classroom teacher, early childhood care provider, and online education tutor. Lorenza studied education at Guilford College. This will be Lorenza's first year in A Child's Garden. Lorenza believes, "Children need to learn about self-care and talking about their feelings and problems in a way that is positive and fosters nonviolence and reflective problem solving."