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I'm very excited to be here at Presentation and look forward to the year ahead. This is my third year here but I have been in the child care business professionally for thirteen years (and coming from an extended catholic family babysat for cousins, second cousins and so forth). I have a nine (almost ten) year old daughter, Caleigh, who attends the elementary next door. I have a High/Scope Curriculum background which is very similar to the Creative Curriculum "hands on" philosophy used here at Presentation. I love children and knew I wanted to be a teacher since I was ten years old; lining up all my stuffed animals in front of the chalk board to teach them their ABC's. I'm very easy going but also believe in consistency.

This year we will be working on emerging social skills by encouraging manners with our friends and teachers, finding appropriate ways to approach and handle problems and practicing self-help skills (potty training, getting dressed, wiping up spills etc.). We will strengthen our fine motor skills in doing art projects (cutting, using markers and crayons, painting etc.) puzzles, and other activities. Outdoor play, building with blocks, dancing and other movements with music will help develop large motor skills. Our brains will get plenty of use with LOTS and LOTS of exposure to reading. We will also work on sorting, classifying, seriating, letters, numbers, colors and more.

Every day I will send home *Ms. Colleen's Daily Data* (or can be emailed, which ever you prefer). This sheet will give you some insight on your child's day and is great for communicating important information. If you need to get in contact with me my email address is cwilson@presentation-parish.org or you can reach me by phone at the school (816) 251-1140. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or voice any concerns you might have. Here's to a fabulous school year ahead!!

-Ms. Colleen

