HOW DOES WILLOWWIND GROW MAKERS?

Makers are INDEPENDENT and focus on the PROCESS.

Montessori preschool learners explore personal interests in an environment that supports social, emotional, and academic development. Children experience the power of independence in learning and discover the wonder of MAKING.

Makers are CREATIVE.

In Art, Music, Spanish, and Physical Education, students build the foundation of a MAKER approach to learning. They try new things, exercise their creative thinking, use grit and perseverance, and build confidence in themselves. Specials classes provide learners the chance to explore the world from different perspectives and try new approaches to MAKING. Specials support a variety of student interests, giving students new opportunities to shine as artists, musicians, athletes, and linguists. A maker is someone who uses his or her talents and skills to improve quality of life for others

Makers take RISKS and face CHALLENGES. They have GRIT.

K-2nd grade students are growing as learners.
They work hard to accept further challenges and take new, bigger risks. Being MAKERS allows them to take something - an idea, a physical object, a feeling - and make something new with it. Being MAKERS helps them to construct their understanding of the world.

Makers SOLVE PROBLEMS.

The STEM-based experiences at the center of the 3rd - 6th grade curriculum encourage learners to focus on identifying problems and seeking solutions. Students are encouraged to question how things are made, where they come from, and how to fix them. Using independence and taking risks, learners invent, experiment, and MAKE.

OUR SCHOOL-WIDE ESSENTIAL QUESTION: HOW CAN I, AS A MAKER, IMPACT THE WORLD?