

All About your TEACHER

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Welcome to Tahca Çiñcada's Classroom! This is the year for some of our youngest learners to shine brightly in our classroom. I am very excited to begin working with you and your child as we teach them to reach for the stars.

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ALL ABOUT ME

This is will be my third-year teaching at CWOOD. I'm excited to be working with you and your child as they experience a year filled with magical wonder and amazing growth. I am an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota. Although I am not an enrolled member of Lower Sioux, I have always been an active member of the community since I've moved here over ten years ago. I reside in Redwood Falls with my two wonderful children, Shylla and Cheyenne. I knew from the time I was a little girl that I wanted to work with children and I'm excited to be living my dream.

MY EDUCATION

I've been prepping to working with children since High School where I would take any elective classes that involved child education. I took child development class that enabled me to work with the Cardinal Kids Club for part of my senior year. During and after high school I worked with Dakota Wicohan program as a Wikoska Leader where I had the opportunity to make lesson plans and be a mentor for the younger girls. I have a CDA, Child Development Associate Credential in Education. I have experience with the Head Start Program both as a teacher and as a parent. I enjoy working with Wakanyez'a (children). They bring so much joy to the world!

MY FAVORITES

- I love to read fiction novels
- Beading and sew are some of my hobbies
- Spending time with my family

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ALL ABOUT ME

My name is Laverne Goodthunder, I am one of the Tahca Çinçada's teacher. I am an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation in Arizona. I have lived at Lower Sioux for 30 years. I have 2 beautiful and smart girls, Winona and Vanessa. Dakota is the third language I am learning, Dine is my first language, English is my second. This will be my third year working for the Lower Sioux Early Head start. I am very excited to be working with you and your child during this new school year. I have worked with children for 15 years and find great enjoyment in doing so.

MY EDUCATION

Graduated from high school in Arizona with a High School Diploma. I worked at the Morton Charter School, Enci Numpa Wounspe, for 3 years. I worked with the Dakota Wicohan Program for 9 years. I have worked at the Lower Sioux Early Head Start Program both for three years. I also have a CDA, Child Development Associate Credential in Education. I really do enjoy working with children and am excited to get the new school year started!

MY FAVORITES

- My favorite colors are blue and pink
- Favorite food is chicken alfredo
 - Fall is the best season
 - Sewing is my hobby