

## **Nafisa Husain**

Nafisa is the owner and primary driving force behind a unique Art, Design and Technology educational studio for kids and adults serving community in Aurora. Her studio is just south of Fox valley mall.

Nafisa is an engineer by training and her prior corporate jobs involved Electrical and Software engineering disciplines. She also has formal training in Arts including Certifications in Still Life, Memory, Nature and Geometric drawings.

Nafisa left her IT corporate job to pursue her passion in Visual arts. Since the time she has started her business called 'studio nafisa' in Aurora, she has instilled creative confidence in hundreds of kids.

She believes in an all rounded education for kids. She is a strong proponent of STEAM education and Design thinking. Her studio develops and nurtures creative talent and prepares students for life long success. She helps kids connect the dots between Visual Arts and other STEM disciplines. She believes that visual art education is an essential part of developing creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and encourages students to be innovators. She incorporates her lifelong experiences in the visual arts, design and technology into her classes and shares her unique vision and expertise of technology and arts with her students.

Her studio - "studio nafisa", runs several classes for K-12 children at the studio and at several preschools, elementary schools as an art enrichment / afterschool program.

Nafisa is very active in the community. Giving back is an important aspect of her business. She has partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide art experiences for the littles. She has been Reflections Program Chair for the PTA for several Elementary and Middle schools. She has organized kids art competitions for several non-profit organizations. She creates customized workshops for children and adults for fundraisers.

In her free time, Nafisa continues to explore her own creativity by designing jewelry and loves to work with a variety of materials and beads. She is also an avid reader and loves camping.