



Children's Academy of Learning RODNA STRIAHA is a non-profit establishment that was founded in early 2015 by Jennie Popova. The main goal of the project is to inspire the Bulgarian children, who live in Toronto, to wish to know our Bulgarian traditions and culture, despite being away from our home and native land.

Jennie Popova is a Speech-Language Pathologist and a Psychologist and a founder of Language Studio Rodna Rech that has been helping Bulgarian children in Toronto develop and improve their Bulgarian language skills since 2007.

While Rodna Rech is still in place the main idea has expanded and has grown into RODNA STRIAHA.

RODNA STRIAHA offers Language and Art activities mainly for children. Our services designed for adults include reading seminars and positive parenting classes which usually refer to typical child development.

Our Language and Art workshops are structured to follow the Bulgarian traditional calendar where our children not only learn about our culture but experience it through hands-on activities. During each of our weekly assemblies we introduce the young Bulgarians to diverse as well as distinct

children's literature. Our kids always demonstrate exceptional interest and great skills in creating items affiliated with our Bulgarian customs and practices like survachki, martenitzi, mummer's masks, spring wreaths, Easter eggs, etc. They also have the chance to discover the beauty of the Bulgarian folklore and traditional beliefs, passed through the generations by word of mouth.

RODNA STRIAHA is our little nest here in Toronto where we are blessed to have the faith and the will to create an environment for our little Bulgarians to learn to belong to a culture that they have always carried inside their hearts because they were born with it.

RODNA STRIAHA is a place where we teach our offspring that before growing wings, people ought to find their roots.

You are welcome to follow us on Facebook at RODNA STRIAHA or find us at [www.rodnastriaha.ca](http://www.rodnastriaha.ca) as well as at 416.953.6924 (Jennie Popova)