

WILDCAT ACADEMY PRESCHOOL HANDBOOK 2019-2020



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Wildcat Academy, in partnership with Greenfield Parents as Teachers to provide comprehensive social and educational services for preschool children and their families in order to meet the needs of every child and establish a love for learning while preparing them for a successful kindergarten experience.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another great year of learning! The start of the school year is always a moment of great anticipation and excitement. There are a number of things that we can do as parents to make this educational experience be as positive, productive, and worthwhile as possible. As parents, our key responsibility is to help our children embrace this moment and prepare them to get the most out of it as possible.

What can you do? First and foremost, help create a climate of positive anticipation. If possible, take time before school begins to visit the school. If you are new to our school, begin to familiarize yourself by driving to the school and walking the halls. Share in the joy of your child's school experience and help them to get excited for all that they will be learning. Help encourage the sense of "I can't wait to get to school."

Once school begins, take the time to engage in the school. Meet the teachers and the school leaders. Appreciate the fact that they want to partner with you in helping to nurture and support your children. Our current teachers and staff are committed to making a difference. Great schools always come back to the relationship between the child and the teacher. Find ways to engage yourself in school life. Join the PTO or attend the "Lunch with a Loved One." Make the educational experience at Greenfield "a way of life," not just the place where you "send" your children. Make it something special that you all share and benefit from together. Trust these great educators and value all that they will be doing for your child.

Prepare for an adventure. Real adventures in today's world can be rare, but this educational adventure is real and all about change, growth, and development. There are so many exciting experiences happening in our schools today. There is the creative use of technology, a focus on the development of "21st century learning", and all the opportunities to learn in new and exciting ways. Your child will learn to collaborate, communicate, think creatively and critically, and they clearly will develop a sense of character.

Above all else, cherish these years for and with your child. Never lose sight of the fact that time moves quickly and the growth that you will see on a daily basis will seem to flash by you in no time. Appreciate the fact that never in their lives have they had so many adults looking out for their best interests. Together, home and school together make a tremendous partnership and the beneficiary of all of that love and care, challenge and support, nurturing and mentoring, is ultimately your child. Helping our children obtain a strong and vibrant education is a gift – a priceless gift that will last a lifetime.

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WILDCAT ACADEMY GOALS

1. To provide the preschool children in Wildcat Academy with the opportunity to experience a rich, nurturing, developmentally appropriate research-based high quality preschool program for 3, 4, and 5 year old children and to establish an excitement for learning and assist in their preparation and transition to kindergarten and elementary school.
2. To assist parents in enhancing their parenting skills by providing opportunities to help their child develop appropriate social skills and reinforce basic school readiness skills at home through active involvement with preschool home visits by the preschool teachers and/or PAT teacher to continuously foster positive relationships between parents and the school district and will assist the family in becoming stable and independent throughout the child's PreK-12 school years.
3. Students who attend Wildcat Academy will maintain a better attendance rate and will increase their academic, social behavioral and motor skills by the end of the school year.
4. The Wildcat Academy will ensure an exceptional learning environment and program quality by following State of Missouri licensing regulations.



WILDCAT ACADEMY SUPPLY LIST

\$30 Supply Fee

1 Full Sized Backpack

1 Change of Clothing

1 Hoodie or Jacket

(to be left at school for the surprise weather days)

Rest Items - Blanket, Pillow, and one Soft Toy (optional)

(These items will be left at school every night and will be sent home at the end of the week to be laundered. *Please do not send any item that must be returned every night.*)

PLEASE NO FLIP FLOPS, OR SANDALS

WILDCAT ACADEMY SCHEDULE

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| 7:30-7:50 | Arrival |
| 7:50-8:10 | Breakfast |
| 8:15-10:30 | Classroom |
| 10:30-11:00 | Recess |
| 11:00-11:25 | Lunch |
| 11:30 | Rest Time |
| 2:40-3:10 | Recess |
| 3:20 | Release |
| 3:45 | Load buses (Big Cat Room) |



WILDCAT ACADEMY

A Greenfield Elementary Handbook is also being sent home to you along with this Wildcat Academy insert. Rules and policies stated in our handbooks, if pertinent, apply to all students. Below are items specific to our preschool.

ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

Parents and legal guardians may enroll their preschool age child in the Wildcat Academy as long as they reside in the district and meet all other legal requirements. After the in-district needs have been filled, out-of-district students may be admitted to the Wildcat Academy.

Requirements for admission are:

1. Child's birth certificate (to enroll in Wildcat Academy the student must be 3 years old before August 1st of that school year.)
2. Current and complete immunization record as required by the State of Missouri.
3. Proof of residence.
4. Enrollment forms.
5. TOILET TRAINED. (The ability to get themselves into the bathroom and take care of personal needs on their own. If the child has more than three daytime accidents per week, the child is not considered toilet trained by this facility.)



ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is strongly encouraged at Wildcat Academy as this will set an example of desired behavior. Preschool will follow the Greenfield Elementary handbook guidelines.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The students in Wildcat Academy will either ride the bus or be dropped off at the recess/preschool entrance of the school between 7:30 and 7:50 and go directly to the classroom. If arriving after 7:50 am, enter through the main front door. At the end of the day, they will either ride the bus home (Big Cat Room only) or be picked up at 3:20 at the recess/preschool entrance. If your student is not picked up by 3:30, you will need to park in the teacher parking lot on the West side of the building and enter through the main entrance to pick up your student.

DRESS CODE

Preschool will follow Greenfield Elementary handbook guidelines, in addition to the following items.

The students in Wildcat Academy will have lots of hands-on activities with paint, sand, markers, etc. Please send them in play clothes. Students should wear shoes they can run, jump, climb and play in without worrying about slipping or falling. **No flip flops, tennis/running shoes only.**

LUNCH

According to Missouri State regulations, preschoolers are not allowed to bring their lunch to school.

REST TIME

A portion of our day will be spent for rest time. The students do not have to fall asleep, but must quietly stay on their cots during this time. Cots are provided. Parents provide the bedding, which is sent home weekly to be washed.



WILDCAT ACADEMY SCHOOL AND PARENT COMPACT

Wildcat Academy and the parents participating in the program agree that this compact outlines how the Wildcat Academy staff and parents will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

Wildcat Academy Preschool and it's staff will -

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that foster the development of the child's pre-academic skills.
- Hold parent-teacher conferences to discuss the child's progress.
- Provide parents with frequent communication that may include monthly suggestions, and mini progress reports.
- Be accessible to parents through phone calls, email, and scheduled person-to-person meetings.
- Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's education by helping with classroom projects, assisting with parties and field trips.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

I, as a parent, will support my child's learning in the following ways -

- Make sure they are in school every day possible.
- Stay informed about my child's education by reading all communications from the school and responding appropriately.
- Keep my child's school updated to any changes in my child's home environment.
- Keep an open line of communication with my child's teacher.
- Attend scheduled conferences for my child.
- Read to my child every day possible.
- Volunteer to assist in and attend school activities when possible.



This compact is entered into for the benefit of my child,

_____ (Student Name)

Between _____ (Parent's Name)

And _____ (Teacher's Name)

On this date _____ (Date)

By signing and returning this agreement, I also agree that I have read the Wildcat Academy Handbook.