

# THE GREEN SCHOOL

## Parent Testimonials

“There is something truly special about The Green School. The teachers create a classroom that is gentle, loving and nurturing. Anya loves her teachers. She also loves the animals and proudly shows us 'her' horses and chickens and goats. We feel very lucky to have found The Green School. Over the course of this school year, we have watched our daughter grow - she is more confident, more social, and she truly loves school. It is more than we could have asked for!”

- **Sarah Cohen, Pre-Nursery Parent**

“Our daughter Ava is in Pre-K this year and absolutely loves Green School. While we like the play-based learning that I think is common among pre-school programs, what I think sets Green School apart are some of the more intangible things like teaching kids to care for their environment and an appreciation for the world/travel. Ava now turns off water when brushing her teeth (she says "save water for the other people"), wants to recycle things for art projects, tells me about wind power in Denmark (and of course, that Legos are made there) and the other day was even teaching me how to bow and say hello in Japanese (after they finished their Japan unit). We think it's pretty cool that she gets this incredibly unique experience (school on a farm!) and that these little seeds are being planted for hopefully a lifetime.

We have so many cute stories of Ava telling us about things she has learned at school. It always makes Jeff, and I laugh. I know they are learning letters/counting, etc., but I don't know many kids their age that can point out American, German, Denmark, and Japanese flags! Its amazing and I hope it sowed an appreciation for a lifetime.”

- **Mary, Pre-Kindergarten Parent**

“The Green School is an amazing experience for my child. She is truly excited to go to school each day; convincing her to leave at the end of the day is the hardest part! She lights up as she's greeted by the animals each morning and can't wait to snack on what they've baked that day. She often reminds me that, “the eggs are from the hens” or “the eggshells go in the compost”. I'm so happy to have her learning in such a unique environment.”

- **Pre-Nursery Parent**

“It's impressive to see my 3 year old recognizing flags of different countries as well as landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower. The exposure he receives at The Green School allows him to make connections to the world around him, which is so exciting to see as a mom!”

- **Nursery Parent**

“You have built something so special with The Green School - it is the most magical community/school I have ever seen! We are heartbroken to leave, but definitely plan on returning for camp this summer! Thank you so much for welcoming our family.

- **Blythe Harris, Nursery/Pre-Kindergarten Parent**

“I don't think I truly grasped the concept of the farm and the schools before Lily went. This organization is an amazing feat - put together by all of you. Mari is a visionary genius for building this. It blows my mind to see all that has come to fruition with the farm and the school. I just want you guys to know that from the outside looking in - the school is such a beautiful world to all those who engage.

- **Allison Corcoran, Pre-Kindergarten Parent**

“After being at The Green School, no matter how good these schools are, they're not good enough! We've experienced perfection and we don't want to settle for less! Both kids miss their teachers, friends, and the amazing environment you have created.”

- **Allison Paquette, Nursery/Pre-Kindergarten Caregiver**

“Our son will soon be a graduate of a 3-year stint at The Green School, and it has been the most nurturing and personalized environment we could have hoped for. At The Green School our son's confidence and pride is soaring. The Green School teaches many techniques for correcting errant behavior, all through positive—even joyous—reinforcement. And the teachers' approach to learning is multidisciplinary and so creative. The Green School is not a one-size-fits all place; indeed, the school is what it is because each kid is nurtured and encouraged individually, in ways that work best for each child. The Green School is a playful, warm and loving environment, envisioned by Mari and shepherded by her sensational teachers.”

- **Cindi Crain, Pre-Nursery/Pre-Kindergarten Parent**

“The Green School holds a truly special place in my heart. From the moment I first stepped onto its grounds in 2017, I was captivated by its unique charm and mission. Since then, all three of my children have had the privilege of experiencing its nurturing nursery program, and I couldn't be more grateful. Their days at Green School were filled with unforgettable experiences—feeding animals, chasing sheep, collecting and counting eggs, and even being pulled on sleds during winter. Mari's vision of raising children who care deeply about and wish to protect our environment is not only essential but also inspiring. As my youngest prepares to graduate this spring, I feel a bittersweet sense of closure to this chapter. However, I know our connection to Green School is far from over. We look forward to returning for lessons, camps, and, of course, birthday celebrations! We'll always cherish and support this incredible little “animal school” that has given us so much.”

- **Yesenia Quichimbo, Nursery Parent**

“Society has attended relatively well to training the intellect in education. We have not done so well with the cultivation of compassion, tolerance, and understanding community. For our family, The Green School and their human and animal community have beautifully balanced the head and the heart. We are most grateful.”

- **Alex Wright, Nursery/ Pre-Kindergarten Parent**

There are many reasons why we chose to send our daughters to the Green School, but most simply put, it is a true utopia for all those little hearts & minds who are blessed to experience it. As parents, it was our heart's greatest desire for our children to experience a well-rounded school experience. One in which they felt care for, loved, experienced compassion and patience, and where their hearts were showed the same importance as their little minds. The staff is passionate, dedicated & empathetic, of course, alongside being educated & well certified. The outdoor classroom, playground, & farm/animals make the experience incredibly enriching and unique. It is for all these reasons I'd be happy to recommend the Green School to anyone hoping for a one-of-a-kind early educational experience for their child.

- **Lianna Lenhart, Pre-Nursery/Nursery Parent**

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My 3 year old came home the other day and shared with me how to get a horse to turn, why it's important to compost, and that no matter where you're from, all people are special. What else can you ask for?

We chose the Green School because we believe the outdoors are so important for young children and an essential part of how they learn and grow both internally and in connection to the world.

- **Mercedes Barsh, Nursery/Pre-K Parent**

"Our son has spent the last 3 years at The Green School, and we are positive there is no other preschool that could have come close. There is no other school that combines the emphasis on the outdoors, nature and creative play with the solid foundations of academics. From his first days as a two-year-old, squealing with delight at discovering that his schoolyard was full of animals, to our big pre-kindergartener blossoming with real curiosities and discoveries about the way the world works...our son has been happy and excited about going to school every single day. And as a result of the wonderful instruction he has received, he is not only ready for kindergarten, but also way ahead, and has a positive association with school and a love of learning. The teachers are so warm, so caring, and so sensitive to the individual needs of each child. They are truly special people, each one. We are sad that this is his last year at The Green School... but his little brother is starting Pre-Nursery in the fall, so we get to do it all over again!"

- **Chloe Dirksen, Pre-Nursery/Pre-Kindergarten Parent**

"The Green School is so many things that we can best call it, a miracle place.

We have been there in school, at camp and even therapy (equine) which helped our then 3-Year-old evolve from debilitating anxiety to smiles and confidence. They are patient and kind and keep a beautiful, healthy environment to nurture our children. We feel nurtured there, too, amid a wonderful community and well-tended nature. We know the animals by name as friends. We hear the empowerment with which our son describes his accomplishments doing jobs on the farm. Life here is hands on and surrounded by love. We are so grateful for the magic it has brought our family and look forward to enrollment age for our second."

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