

In 2016 we were looking for preschool for Masen. We had been all over Brooklyn looking for just the right school at the right location. My husband suggested that we go and check out the school that was a few blocks away from the house. To my surprise I had never noticed that Great Oaks Elementary School was right there. I had been living in this neighborhood for years I saw the building and had no idea that within contained an educational gem. So we decided to go in for a tour. At this time we had no idea that there were two schools in this small building. We inquired about the preschool and were led for our tour. While we were touring the preschool it was the elementary part of the building that mainly attracted us to enroll Masen.

When it came time for Masen to graduate from the preschool we immediately went to the other side of the building and inquired about our son attending the the elementary school. Mr. Duncan who was at the office during at the time took us for the tour. He explained the curriculum for the school, the type of school setting Great Oaks provided and about the various after-school activities they provided. My husband is a big proponent on safety and security was very impressed that the school had cameras all over and you needed to be buzzed in which made him feel secure about our son attending.

From the very 1st day that Masen started at GOES we have not regretted it. Great Oaks is not just a school it's a family. When you walk into the building you don't feel as if you are delivering/dropping off your child to total strangers you feel like you are leaving your child in the care of aunts, uncles and grandmothers it is very close knit, very warm and inviting environment. Great Oaks has a very special team of administrative staff, teachers and support staff that are top notch, no nonsense, dependable, caring, loving personable and prideful.

At every turn of our journey at GOES we have not been disappointed. From the many school activities, entertaining performances, school trips, parent child engaging events like Family night, field day,, days that celebrate student creativity such as dressing up for ugly Christmas sweater and crazy sock day contests. GOES has a transparent open door policy as a parent you never feel that popping or dropping in was frowned upon as a matter of fact you always feel like you're stopping off to see a family member or close friend. You are always greeted with warm accolade, kind words and inviting smile. Often times a school will know your child's name because your child is "troublesome" or your child is known as "the bad kid" but at Great Oaks they know every child by their first name because they care enough to know each child, they care enough to know the parents, they care enough to know that they are responsible for your child the minute that they walk into the building.

From every teacher and Ms. Hoyt you know that they teach and engage with each child from the heart not just from books. They provide discipline with a caring heart. They promote the role that God has in everyday life through the morning assembly, beginning each day with prayer which happens to be one of the very special things at Great Oaks that I enjoy. The fact that every aspect of the day involves prayer is amazing. Praying before meals and before departing from one another at the end of the day is amazing.

School choice week is not just a week long event for our family...its the best choice we have made for our son's educational journey for a life time. School choice for a lifetime of academic excellence is:  
GREAT OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL