



Welcome to Keith Country Day School's web site. I trust that you will become enlightened by the programs and people affiliated with Keith, for they are the heart and soul of an exciting and healthy learning community. We are first and foremost a school that cares about the development of young people. From our three year olds to our seniors, our learning environment sets the stage for students to build an awareness of self and lead lives of meaning and purpose.

Founded by Belle Emerson Keith in 1916 the school has a long and proud history of meeting individual needs with a strong academic program that promotes curiosity, independence, responsibility, and perseverance. Mrs. Keith believed that all children learned differently and that it was the responsibility of the teachers to understand those differences. She also believed that all children are successful if expectations of them and their studies were both high personally and academically. Those beliefs continue today as do the original tenets of the school which are to be: true, cheerful, responsible, courteous, generous, reverent, and brave. Parents become partners as we work together to enhance each child's learning experience. We want our students to excel, but we also want them to be responsive to the needs of classmates as well as to the world around them. Ninety hours of community service is just one of the unique requirements for graduation. From the youngest student to the oldest each has a myriad of opportunities to hone their academic skills, to pursue interests in the arts and athletics, and to contribute to the school family as well as the greater Rockford community.

We accomplish these goals by hiring the finest faculty and staff available and providing them with the flexibility to teach and learn with the students in an open and collaborative way. Utilizing technology and a variety of strategies for learning, the faculty responds to the students in creative and innovative ways. By providing students an assortment of opportunities through small, challenging classes, clubs, organizations, and competitions, both academically and athletically, Keith students come to know themselves well.

Please feel free to browse our web site, then call us and spend some time on our campus. You will find members of the Keith community friendly and responsive, and we look forward to welcoming you to our school.

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