



IMAGINE SCHOOL LAKEWOOD RANCH CAMPUS

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Imagine School at Lakewood Ranch Praesto Academy

Praesto in Latin means to stand before, be outstanding, excel, surpass or show. By definition Praesto communicates the level of expectation for students in this academy.

The Praesto Academy is designed to challenge, develop and inspire minds of our students so they are well prepared to lead their generation to the highest levels of success. The goals of this academy include several components, some of which include:

- A focus on developing each student in the area of academics, social skills, and leadership.
- A behavioral expectation that students will be model students and use their leadership abilities in constructive and helpful ways.
- An understanding that every student is “gifted” and “talented” in ways that are unique to them, which will foster and environment for innovative and creative instruction and learning.
- A structure to support more flexibility in offering more elaborate technology, projects, science experimentation, project-based learning and character and leadership skill building activities.

By providing an environment to stimulate the specific needs of our high achieving and gifted students teachers can ensure that they are being challenged and supported both academically and socially. When students are with other students of like mind and talent their peer relationships often improve as well as their academic performance.

We ask that our Praesto students strive to maintain “A’s” and “B’s,” turn in assignments on time, demonstrate good conduct, refraining from behaviors that would result in an office referral.



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At the end of each academic year current Praesto students will be placed in the next grade level Praesto class based on qualifying data to include SAT10 scores in both reading and math, FAIR, FCAT (in applicable grades), report cards, teacher recommendation and parent request. The Praesto Academy instructional team reserves the right to make decisions for entry and continuance in the academy based on the aforementioned information. (Current Praesto students must re-apply each year.)

All students should complete a writing sample and all parents should complete the application of interest. The writing sample should contain elements of good writing to include grammar, punctuation, focus, proper support or examples to support topic, and organization. It does not need to be typed.

(1st graders going into 2nd grade) 2nd Grade Writing Prompt: Displaying good character is the responsibility of every learner. Think about a time when you demonstrated respect. Write about the time when you demonstrated respect.

(2nd graders going into 3rd grade) 3rd Grade Writing Prompt: Many people have a favorite and least favorite subject in school. Write about your one favorite and one least favorite subject and support your writing with reasons why.

(3rd graders going into 4th grade) 4th Grade Writing Prompt: Everyone has strengths and talents as well as challenges or areas of improvement. Choose one strength or talent and one challenge/area of improvement and describe why it is your strength and how you can improve your challenge.

(4th graders going into 5th grade) 5th Grade Writing Prompt: School rules are necessary to maintain order on campus and provide guidelines for behavioral expectations. Write about a school rule that should be changed, added or enforced better to allow for a better learning environment. Support your ideas with reasons why or how.



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Praesto Academy Application of Interest 2014-2015

Due by: June 9th, 2014.

Student Name: _____

Grade for 2014-2015 _____

Current Homeroom Teacher: _____

What makes your child a candidate for this program?

By signing below, you are stating that you are aware of the responsibilities of the Praesto Academy. For this program to be successful, teachers, students, and parents will need to work together.

Parent Signature

Date