

Located among one of the many northern Jefferson County rocky bluffs, just past the heart of House Springs, Missouri is Cedar Springs Elementary. There are eleven schools in the Northwest R-I School District and we are proud to be one of them.

“All children will learn, Whatever it takes, No excuses” is the district mission statement which we have embraced as our foundation and built upon by creating our own mission statement: Creating Students of Excellence, Whatever it takes, No excuses. We assure this will happen by meeting the needs of all children from many diverse backgrounds, providing a quality and comprehensive education that is equitable for all. The school wide leadership team develops a school improvement plan to insure that the mission stays in the forefront of our work. All school improvement goals focus on Creating Students of Excellence in academic achievement, attendance, character education, and technology. Cedar Springs has high expectations from all of its stakeholders. Building goals align with district goals, making Cedar Springs Elementary a school that will meet No Child Left Behind requirements. We believe all students can be advanced or proficient in all subject areas. Students can become self-motivated and take ownership of their own learning.

The student body at Cedar Springs includes children from preschool through fourth grade. We provide a variety of programs to insure the success of our students: an after-school program that offers extra help in reading and math, Response to Intervention program, Title I Reading Resource, the Center for the Academically Talented Students, special education, autism classrooms, Applied Behavior Management, and two e-MINTS classrooms. At-risk students and all second graders participate in Fast ForWord, a computer program that strengthens students’ auditory processing skills. These programs supplement and support the general education classroom. Technology is integrated into the curriculum to enhance our students’ learning; three teachers are involved in a state Boeing grant for technology instruction.

The school community is one of teamwork between parents, community members, students and staff. Family Literacy Night, a breakfast honoring our graduating seniors, participating in special Olympics, and character education programs are just a few of the annual traditions celebrated at Cedar Springs.

The PeaceBuilder program helps develop a safe environment through praise, where students learn to respect and care for one another no matter their socioeconomic background. Each morning as students reach the school doors, they are greeted with a “good morning” from the staff that encourages each of them to have a great day. The Cedar Springs staff has initiated an “adopt-a-student” program. Teachers establish an important relationship with children in need, meeting with them on a regular basis to provide extra emotional support. Everyone is involved in making Cedar Springs a learning community and creating students to become lifelong learners.