

PECATONICA BUSINESS SHOWCASE

GREEN BEAN
ACADEMY



Locally owned and operated since 2015.

Green Bean Academy offers a Morning Session from 8:15-11:15 and an Afternoon Session from 11:45-2:45. Please contact them with any questions you may have in regards to the upcoming school year.

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Getting To Know You



Q & A time

- 1. When did you start your business?**
We Started our Business August of 2015
- 2. Why did your family choose Pecatonica to open a store?**
It was important that we supported and gave back to our community.
- 3. How many people do you employ?**
Kristine is the full time Director and Lead teacher. We also have many substitutes.
- 4. Can you describe your business?**
Green Bean Academy is a preschool program that goes above and beyond the minimum requirements to get the children ready for kindergarten. We are the only local preschool utilizing the Creative Curriculum, which is recognized by the ExceleRate Illinois program.
- 5. Name three ways you stand out from other business in the area.**
When comparing Green Bean Academy to other similar businesses some things that stand out are our official curriculum that satisfies the standards for the ExceleRate Illinois program, the addition of the hydroponic gardening and the fact that we really challenge our students with sight words, journaling and asking the students to take ownership of their successes. .
- 6. What are a few things you believe has contributed to your success?**
We each have our own skill set that we bring to the business. Kristine, has a degree in Early Childhood Development, has taken business classes and has a passion for educating children. While Michael, has a background in business. We both have the ability to differentiate between home life and being business owners.

7. Where do you see your business in the years to come?

We want to grow our brand recognition in future markets while continuing to service the community that we love.

8. What has been your most satisfying moment in business?

The most satisfying aspect of our preschool is hearing how well our past students are doing in school from parents and their teachers.

9. What is your contact information, and hours of business?

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10. Can you give a Fun Fact about your business?

Our original name was Little Sprouts Preschool. However, our lawyer informed us that the name was recently incorporated. Leaving us only, a few hours to come up with the name Green Bean Academy and we couldn't be happier.

11. Is there any advice you would give others looking to open a business in Pecatonica?

Do not be afraid to fail and always give something back.

