

- To foster a love for reading and life-long learning
- To create a positive environment where students engage in productive struggle
- To strengthen character traits
- To help your child develop social skills and independent work habits
- To help your child succeed in school through differentiating curriculum at the appropriate level
- To collaborate with parents and teachers to support student growth

Literacy

Learning to read, write, and speak effectively is the focus in primary grades.

Reading

- Read Aloud / Mentor Reading
- Shared Reading
- Leveled Reading
- Independent Reading
- High Frequency Words / "Word Wall Words"
- Word Work / Phonics

ELD (English Language Development)

- Build vocabulary
- Work on English language development
- Designated ELD--Daily small group instruction specific for emerging, expanding, and bridging learners
- Integrated ELD--Instruction embedded within whole group and small group literacy instruction

Types of Writing

- Narrative
- Informational/Expository
- Opinion

Writer's Workshop

- Modeled Writing
- Shared Writing
- Guided Writing
- Independent Writing
- Revision and Editing
- Conferencing
- Publishing
- Spelling

- Units of Study:
 - -Represent and Interpret Data
 - -Geometry and Time
 - -Measurement
 - -Understanding Place Value
 - -Addition and Subtraction
- Math Talks
- Story Problems

- Science Lab
- Integrated with literacy
- Themes:
 - -Plants and Animals Grow and Change
 - -Technology at Work
 - -Observing the Sky
 - -Exploring Sound and Light

Social Studies

- Integrated with literacy
- Themes:
 - -Being a Good Community Member
 - -Past, Present, and Future
 - -We Use Goods and Services

- Science Lab
- Music
- Art
- Drama

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Progress Reports and Grading

- Standards-based report cards
 - o 4: Exceeding
 - o 3: Proficient
 - 2: Developing
 - o 1: Beginning
- Parent conferences to discuss your child's progress are the week of October 16-20.
 There is no school on the 16th and the rest of the days are modified for conferences.
- Grading in first grade is based on common assessments, district assessments, performance based assessments, and inclass observations.

Thank you for your support!

Where to find our amazing first grade team...

- Mrs. Bruce- Room 201
- Mrs. Himelstein and Mrs. Maguire- Room 202
- Mrs. Stremel- Room 203
- Ms. Cantu- Room 204
- Mrs. Miller- Room 205
- Mrs. Cowell and Mrs. Fritz- Room 206
- Mrs. Goodman- Room 207
- Mrs. Hainey- Room 208

When together we soar, we all achieve more!