

F A I R V I E W E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

**CURRICULUM
AT A
GLANCE**

WELCOME

Our Mission

Developing the whole student. Achieving excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.

Our Vision

We envision the community sharing responsibility for the development of goal-driven, fair-minded, respectful, and honest students, who appreciate life-long learning, who are mindful of the needs of others, and who embrace diversity.

This packet is a snapshot of the curricular offerings in Kindergarten. We are excited to offer every child a challenging, rigorous curriculum that is fully aligned with the Pennsylvania Academic Standards. All students are heterogeneously grouped in classrooms and regrouped instructionally for Communications and Math. This allows for maximum use of staff in providing educational opportunities for all children. Math and Communications groups are based upon data driven decisions.

Opportunities are provided to nurture creative talents of all kinds. The importance of sound mental health and physical well being recognized as our school-wide theme of “Be respectful, be responsible, be a good friend” is incorporated into daily lessons.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Special Activities:

- Kindergarten Registration and Parent Meeting in March
- Meet and Greet in August for students and parents
- Parent Meeting in September
- Kindergarten Spring Program in May for family and friends

Website/Internet:

- <http://www.abcteach.com>
- <http://www.first-school.ws/>
- <http://www.picadome.fcps.net/lab/interactive/kindergarten.htm>
- <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/month2month.htm>
- <http://www.seussville.com/>
- <http://pbskids.org/>
- www.fairviewschools.org

Computer Software:

- Phonics Express HBJ
- Island Adventures
- Ocean Adventures
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SPECIALS

Music

1. All About Me – 5 senses
2. School/Caring About Others
3. Colors
4. Shapes
5. Holidays
6. Weather
7. Mother Goose songs and rhymes
8. Phonemic Awareness Activities
9. Animals
10. Silly Songs

Physical Education

1. Loco motor movements
2. Throw, catch, kick, strike, and bumping activities.
3. Games of low organization.
4. Ball handling drills
5. Movement activities
6. Parachute activities
7. Seasonal games
8. Cooperative games
9. Understanding safety
10. Field Days

Art

1. Identify Shapes
2. Identify Colors
3. Symmetry
4. Use of Line
5. Tearing and Cutting
6. Use of Media and Tools

Library

1. How to use the library – Book Care
2. Story reading and story telling by librarian, related to curriculum themes
3. Introduction of books written by various authors
4. Seasonal storytelling
5. Sorting and classifying
6. What is real? What is not real?
7. Beginning book selection skills
8. Paired sharing of books
9. Making of student books to take home

SCIENCE

Major Units of Study/Themes:

1. Getting Ready: Using My Senses To Learn
2. Animals
3. Plants
4. Weather and Seasons
5. Investigating Water

Projects:

- Senses Journal
- Butterfly Cycle (with live larvae) and Journal
- Weather (chart and graph and thermometer)
- Seed Growth

Enrichment Activities:

- Literature Stories
- Educational Videos/DVD/Streaming Videos
- Class Books

Textbook/Materials:

- Harcourt 2000 Big Book

Assessments:

- Discussion/Participation
- Observations

MATHEMATICS

Major Units of Study/Themes:

1. Who Is In School Today?
2. Counting and Comparing
3. What Comes Next?
4. Measuring and Counting
5. Make A Shape, Build A Block
6. How Many Do You Have?
7. Sorting and Survey

Projects:

- Manipulatives at Math Center
- Graphs
- Daily Math Calendar Activities

Enrichment Activities:

- Math Center
- Computer Software:
 - Carnival Math
 - Zoo Zillions
 - Investigations "Shapes"

Textbook/Materials:

- Pearson/Scott Foresman Investigations (2008)

Assessments:

- Observations
- Individual Assessments (Rubric)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Major Units of Study/Themes:

1. School
2. Home
3. Community

Projects:

- Holiday Activities
- Drama Center: Use of cash register and coins
- Earth Day Activity with daily recycling in the classroom
- Class Books

Enrichment Activities:

- Citizenship Skills
- Guidance Activities
- Literature Stories
- Chart and Graph Skills
- Interpreting Models (maps, globes, charts, graphs)

Textbook/Materials:

- Harcourt 2003 Horizons All About Me Big Book

Assessments:

- Discussion/Participation
- Observation

LANGUAGE ARTS

Major Units of Study/Themes:

1. Getting To Know You
2. I Am Special
3. Around The Table
4. Silly Business
5. Family Ties
6. Animal Families
7. Bug Surprises
8. Animal Adventures
9. Around The Town
10. Neighborhood Helpers
11. Exploring Our Surroundings
12. Under The Ocean

Projects:

- Class Books
- Theme Journals
- Peacock Press Books

Enrichment Activities:

- Literature Stories
- Computer Software:
 - Phonics Express HBJ
 - Island Adventures
 - Ocean Adventures
- Daily Morning Literacy Centers (Reading, Listening, Writing, ABC, Word, Computer)
- Summer Reading Program
- Morning Meeting

Textbook/Materials:

- Harcourt Trophies 2005
- Alpha-Tales Books/CD's/Alphabet Letters

Assessments:

- Observations
- Individual Assessments