

Elementary Years:

A typical day in the Elementary Classroom

While every day is a little different, below is a sample day in one of our Elementary classrooms. Our schedule balances a wide array of specialists with the consistency of the classroom community.

8:00 Arrival

8:15 Morning Meeting

8:30 Math

9:15 Music

10:00 Snack and Recess

10:30 Science

11:15 Writing

12:00 Literature

12:35 Lunch and Recess

1:15 Physical Education

2:00 Junior MathCounts/Math Challenge

2:45 Homework, Jobs, and Closing Meeting

3:10 Dismissal to Extended Day or Carpool

4:30 Afternoon Carpool & Bus Departure

Our elementary classrooms are located in the Early Childhood and Community Buildings. In addition, students in these grades utilize the library, art room, wetlands laboratory, music classroom and auditorium, technology lab, science classroom, gymnasium, and dining hall. Students in Grades 3-5 enjoy two recesses each day on our state-of-the-art playground, and have many opportunities to be outdoors.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

PreK - Grade 8

8:15 - 3:10 M - F

Early Birds Program

Daily, beginning 7:30 a.m.
Free, drop-ins welcome

Extended Day & Enrichment Programs

Daily, until 6:00 p.m.
Additional fee, yearly and drop-in rates

Lunch and snack are provided daily



Thematic Learning

Grades 1/2

The Coast and Highlands' thematic curricula alternate biennially between the overarching themes of "Community" and "Scientists and Inventions." These thematic units integrate most of the elements of the One/Two curriculum—social studies, language arts, science, math, art, and music, and they provide a meaningful context in which students develop their skills. Interwoven throughout is the exploration of Learning for Justice's four social justice standards of Identity, Diversity, Justice, and Action.

Grade 3

In third grade, we follow the trade routes known as the Silk Road from China through the Middle East and on to Europe. En route, we discover that trading is about not only the exchange of goods, but also the exchange of knowledge, belief systems, and cultures.

Grade 4

The fourth grade's study of different cultures emphasizes the importance of knowing one's own culture, understanding others, and how this impacts and develops our values. In particular, the fourth grade studies the cultures of ancient Greece and the Yoruba of Nigeria, examining aspects of religion, concepts of family, decision making, fairness, and justice.

Grade 5

The fifth-grade year centers on the thematic study, "The Changing Face of America." Under this umbrella we look at immigration, forced migration, and migration within the United States. This thematic study integrates many elements of the fifth-grade curriculum including: social studies, language arts, geography, math, science, art, and music. It provides a meaningful and rich experience through which students develop a wide variety of skills. Generating thoughtful questions and facilitating in-depth discussions allow students to draw individual conclusions about different time periods in American history.

Elementary Specials Include:

- Language Arts
- Science
- Technology
- Art
- World Language
- Physical Education
- Library
- Music