

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

An integrated language arts curriculum providing core instruction in the following areas:

- Parts of Speech: Noun / Verb / Adjective / Pronouns/Prepositions/Adverbs
- Verb Tenses: Present / Past / Future/Present Perfect / Past Perfect
- Identify sentence types and parts of sentences
- Quotations / Contractions / Punctuation
- Daily Grammar
- Weekly Vocabulary words that coincide with our weekly Harcourt Brace story.

READING COMPREHENSION

Students will read weekly stories in the Harcourt Brace 3rd grade California Excursions series.

This will allow the students to:

- Increase reading fluency and comprehension
- Focus on: characters, setting, plot, sequence of events, and locating information

Accelerated Reader

Students will earn 10 points each quarter by reading books within their reading range and taking quizzes on the computer.

Book Reports

Students will complete three book reports throughout the year on independently read chapter books.

WRITING

The 6 traits writing curriculum is an enriching process which allows students to become well rounded writers. The children will master each trait including: content, fluency, organization, voice, word choice and conventions. Our young authors will demonstrate their knowledge and use of the traits using various genres. Students will compose clear coherent sentences that develop a central idea.

1-2 paragraph compositions

Writing styles: Narrative, Descriptive, Expository, formal and informal letters

Book report #1- Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones

Book report #2- The Little's

Book report #3- The Chocolate Touch

CURSIVE

- All assignments are written in cursive by the middle of December

MATH

Saxon Math is a math program that consists of daily lessons and tests along with timed math fact drills. Concepts are introduced in increments and are continually practiced throughout future lessons.

- Daily drills / Adding with carrying / Subtracting with borrowing
- Multiplication tables to 12-timed tests every 3 to 4 weeks
- Division
- Roman Numerals up to 3,999
- Temperature - Fahrenheit and Celsius
- Fractions-adding and subtracting
- Decimals - adding and subtracting money
- Geometry: shapes / perimeter / area
- Word Problems
- Linear and liquid measurement
- Money and Time



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SCIENCE

- Plants, animals, people; how they grow and change
- Exploring earth's surface and resources
- Matter / Motion / Sound

GEOGRAPHY

- North America
- 50 states and their capitals

FRENCH

- Vocabulary includes: colors, family, parts of the body, clothes, fruits and vegetables, animals, days of the week, weather, vehicles, sports, school items, months of the year and seasons
- Numbers 1-69
- Several expressions for greetings
- French songs / poems / games
- Memorization of vocabulary / Dictation of words
- Rules for male and female articles, singular and plural
- Rules for the place of adjectives
- At home preparation for tests

ART

- Every week new artists are introduced and discussed with the children
- At this level, the students will be learning about values in color. They will also have a detailed study in watercolor technique and usage. The second grade students will learn about master artists such as Piet Mondrian and Winslow Homer.

MUSIC

All students will participate in an exciting World Music Unit and learn sight-reading skills using the Solfege System. We will focus on basic vocal techniques and types of music.

- Students will learn to foster creativity, proficiency, and a passion for music
- They will experience a broad base of competency in music theory, history, and literature

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

- Development of fundamental, specialized motor skills.
- Monitor and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness
- Students participate in a variety of physical activities and learn how to maintain a personalized active lifestyle
- Students exhibit responsible and self-directed behavior that lead to positive social interactions in physical activity