

A wooden-framed chalkboard sign with white text on a teal background. The sign is rectangular and has a dark, slightly textured surface. The text is written in a white, hand-drawn, sans-serif font. The word "WELCOME" is the largest and is centered at the top. Below it is a thin white horizontal line. Underneath the line, the text "Open House 2021-2022" is written, followed by "~ 6th Grade ~" on the next line. The sign is set against a background of horizontal teal-colored wooden planks.

WELCOME

Open House 2021-2022

~ 6th Grade ~

ALL ABOUT MATH

We use Illustrative Mathematics for math instruction. Our math curriculum helps ensure students have experience using many necessary math skills. Our units include:

- Area & Surface Area
- Ratios
- Unit Rates & Percentages
- Dividing Fractions
- Base Ten
- Expressions & Equations
- Rational Numbers
- Data Sets



ALL ABOUT READING

We use the workshop model for reading instruction.

Our units include:

- Maintaining a Reading Life (including Notice and Note Signposts and an introduction to writing about reading)
- A Deep Study of Character in Fiction Books
- Tapping into the Power of Nonfiction
- Reading Argument - Research using Nonfiction texts
- Social Issues Book Clubs
- Fantasy Unit or Author Study (Carl Hiaasen)

ALL ABOUT WRITING

Writing instruction includes a mini-lesson focusing on a skill/strategy followed by independent writing time and personal conferences. Our units include:

- Personal Narrative
- Research-Based Informational Writing
- Argument/Persuasive Writing
- Literary Essay
- Fantasy

ALL ABOUT SOCIAL STUDIES

Our Social Studies units mostly cover significant periods in American history from the late 19th century through the early 20th century. Our New York trip complements our study of Immigration. The units are as follows:

- Geography
- Civil War
 - Causes of the Civil War
 - Battles of the Civil War
 - Reconstruction
- Industrial Revolution
- Immigration
- World War I
- World War II

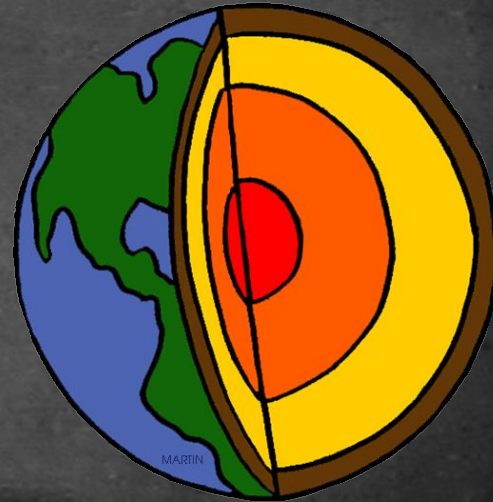


ALL ABOUT SCIENCE

Our science lessons engage students through hands on experiments and demonstrations.

Our units include:

- Destructive Weather
- Medicine Drone- Energy
- Disaster Movie- Geology
- Bio-Bottle- Ecology



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DAILY SCHEDULE*

8:20-8:45 Morning Work

8:45-9:30 Special Area Class

9:30-10:30 Math

10:30-11:15 Reading

11:15- 12:00 Science

12:00-12:30 FLEX/Read Aloud

12:30-1:25 Recess/Lunch

1:30-2:15 Social Studies (with Mrs. Preece)

2:15-3:00 Writing (with Mrs. Preece)

*Thursdays look a bit different. There's no Science or Social Studies and the kids have a second special.



SCHEDULE
OF SPECIAL
CLASSES

Monday

Music 8:45-9:30



Tuesday

Spanish 8:45-9:30



Wednesday

Art 8:45-9:30



Thursday

Library 8:45-9:30



Spanish 1:25-2:10



Friday

P.E. 8:45-9:30



GRADING POLICY

- The students will be introduced to letter grades on their assignments, tests/quizzes, and report card for the first time.
- Report cards will still have indicators for specific skills in each subject area, in addition to the letter grade.
- Our goal is to help students understand how letter grades are calculated and that their homework, classwork, assessments, and projects all contribute to an overall grade.

GRADING POLICY



A+ 97-100	D+ 67-69
A 93-96	D 63-66
A- 90-92	D- 60-62
B+ 87-89	F 59 or below
B 83-86	
B- 80-82	
C+ 77-79	
C 73-76	
C- 70-72	

HOMWORK POLICY

- Homework will normally be administered Monday through Thursday. (I try not to give assignments over the weekend except for studying and long-term project work.)
- Generally homework should take about 45 - 60 minutes.
 - 20 minutes of independent reading.
 - Practice Problems for math: About 20 minutes.
 - Science/Social Studies assignment: About 10 or 15 minutes.
- If an assignment is missing, the student fills out a missing assignment slip. After three missing homework assignments, the slips will go home to be signed and the student will receive a lunch detention. (The tally of missing homework "resets" at the end of each term.)

FIELD TRIPS / HOW TO VOLUNTEER

- Teambuilding: Nomads Outdoor Adventure in South Windsor (Fall 2021)
- Social Studies: New York City: Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial and Hudson Eats at Brookfield Place (April 2022)
- Science: White Memorial in Litchfield, CT
 - Each class spends 3 days and 2 nights
 - Trips take place in May or June of 2022

FIELD TRIPS / HOW TO VOLUNTEER

- Parent chaperones are needed for our trips to New York City and for the overnight portion of our White Memorial trips.
- All chaperones for these trips must be Group 2 volunteers, which requires a background check and fingerprinting.
- Get this process started early! Check the district website for the necessary forms.
- Chaperones are chosen by lottery.