

Fairwood Explorer “School Tour” and Prospective Family Information

January, 2021



General School Information



School Size: 400 Students

Class Sizes: 24 students in Kindergarten - Third Grade and 32 students in Fourth and Fifth



Mission

Through hands-on instruction, inquiry-based learning, parent participation, and active involvement in our community, Fairwood Explorer Elementary fosters the development of intellectually curious, self-confident critical thinkers who are socially aware and academically prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century.



Fairwood Explorer Family Participation

This program is a 6 year commitment to:

- x Volunteer in the classroom two hours per week
- x Chaperone (and drive) on two field trips per year
- x Volunteer one hour per month to support a community event



Project Based Learning

We use hands-on learning through inquiry to develop key understanding across the subject areas.

Examples:

Neighborhood Project in Kindergarten

Toy Story Project in Third Grade



Social Emotional Learning

Social Emotional Learning is blended with academics because we know students are more ready to learn when they feel safe and confident in school.



Falcon Pride

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible



Student Participation and Recognition

Spirit Card Prizes

Whole School Assemblies every other week

Active Student Council



Typical Student Day

Morning = Reading (8:00-10:00)

Teacher mini-Lesson of new concept

Students rotate through literacy stations with support of family volunteers

Teacher works with small groups

Sample stations: Reading strategies, phonics, word study, fluency



Typical Student Day

20 Minute Recess

Writing Block (10:20-11:00) - Similar format to reading rotations

Sample Topics: Starting a new piece of writing, adding details to writing, revising writing, editing writing



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Lunch on primary playground (11:10-11:50) -
Student play first, then eat.

Math Block (11:50-12:40) - Similar format to
Reading Block

Social Studies/Science Block (12:40-1:30)

Specials/Choice Time (1:30-2:10)



Specials

Starting Arts - Three eight week rotations of music, Dance, Theater

Library

Physical Education

Playworks

Meet the Masters



English Language Development

Support for students who are developing their English Language Skills as a second language



Fairwood Community

Dance Nights

Stargazing Night

Walk-a-Thon

Holiday Faire

Carnival

STEAM Night

International Festival

Dine Outs



After School Enrichment

Organized by the Fairwood Alliance at Fairwood for a cost:

Basketball

Chess

Public Speaking

Choir

Band

Gymnastics

Mad Science

Coding



Information for Next Year

School starts on August 18

Kindergarten goes for ½ days (8:00-11:25) for the first 6 weeks, then full days (8:00-2:10)

Early release on Fridays for K-3 @ 12:30 pm

Early dismissal once per month on Teacher Learning Days



More Information for Next Year

Registration Begins on February 1

Register Online through SEDS registration page

If Open Enrollment, complete Open Enrollment request form



Open Enrollment

You will be asked if you want to apply for Open Enrollment During Registration Process

Lottery for placement - usually in March

Must complete the Fairwood Explorer Agreement to secure your spot once it has been offered



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