

Lennoxville Elementary School
Curriculum Outline—Cycle One Year Two

Dear Parents,

The following is a brief explanation of the curriculum for Cycle One, Year Two. There may be slight deviations or additions, but basically this will be used as a guideline.

LANGUAGE ARTS (2L and 2C)

The Language Arts program is based on a child-centered, integrated approach to teaching the Language Arts. This approach sees the children using language in a natural, purposeful and meaningful context.

Throughout the program, the children are encouraged to actively engage in the processes of speaking, listening, reading and writing. Through the integration of these four areas, I will be able to generate experiences that are relevant and purposeful to the students.

READING

Reading in class is a daily occurrence. There are levelled books in the class to meet each child's individual reading ability. The students have a free choice of a library book each week. Four times a week, each child is required to read a book from one of the Homereading series in the classroom. Nightly reading of the "Power Words" is also required. Language Centers, (Daily 5), where reading is a large focus, is done four times a week. During this time the students also read in Guided Reading groups.

SPELLING

Spelling and phonics will be incorporated within the framework of the Language Arts program. We will use little boards at least once a week to work on specific letters, sounds and words. Soundprints, including "Power Words" is studied at this time. High frequency words are displayed all around the classroom to be used as spelling aides.

WRITING

Writing in class is also a daily occurrence. Various genres of writing, including personal narratives will be looked at. The writing is drafted, conferenced, revised, edited and rewritten. Reading Response is done once a week where students respond in writing to a book read to them in class. Language Centers, (Daily 5), where writing is a large focus, is done four times a week.

Poetry, Social Studies, Science and Art are integrated in the Language Arts or Math program.

MATHEMATICS (2L)

The goals of the Cycle One Year Two Mathematics program are to:

1. Prepare children to solve problems flexibly and carry out tasks encountered in every day life.
2. Foster number and spatial sense.
3. Develop positive attitudes towards Math as an enjoyable subject of study.

4. Stimulate mathematical thinking.

PEACEMAKING PROGRAM (2L)

In order to create a peaceful classroom, we recite a peace pledge every morning. We discuss how to solve conflicts in a peaceful manner, as well as how to treat others respectfully. This program is the foundation of our classroom routine.

HOMEWORK

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Homereading and Power Words. Homework should not take more than 15 minutes.

Each night, a parent is asked to sign the child's homereading duotang once the homework has been completed. The duotang is also a means of communication between the home and school.

Please feel free to contact me at school to discuss your child's progress or to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to a successful year with your child.

Jennifer Luce