

Elmdale School Planning Priorities for 2016– 2017



School Mission

To provide a safe and caring learning environment, fostering positive relationships, serving students, families, and community.

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Elmdale school is a Kindergarten to Grade 4 School with 292 students. We currently have a teaching staff of 17.25 Full Time Equivalents filled by 20 teachers including 1 Resource Teacher, 1 Music Teacher, .75 Physical Education Teacher, .5 Literacy Support, .5 Reading Recovery, 1 Principal. Our support staff include 1 Head Secretary, 1 part time Secretary, 1 Library Clerk, 11 Educational Assistances, 1 Custodian, and 1 Evening Custodian.



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Learning Partnerships

Family Partnership

- Grades K-4 home reading program.
- Noon hour reading program with parent volunteers.
- Reading Challenge for Christmas break.
- Reading Challenge for Summer break.

Serving the Community

- Students will partner with Rest Haven to read with the grandpartners.
- Students will participate in the Community Christmas project.
- Students plant and harvest vegetables to donate to local food shelter and families.

Teacher/Student Relationships

- Students will participate in a two-day Strong Connections with their teacher.

Student to Student Relationships

- Students will participate in a mentor (buddy) class system.

Learning Environments

Outdoor Learning Environment

- Continue development of the school garden.
- Physical Education classes will participate in regular outdoor physical education.
- Grades 1-4 will participate in Run- Jump- Throw.

Building a Trusting Learning Environment

- Students will understand the Green, Amber, and, Red Slip program.
- A PrinciPal award will be awarded weekly to one student from each classroom Grades 1-4.
- A Bucket Filling award will be awarded monthly to 25-30 students.
- Students will actively participate in weekly character education assemblies- empathy, responsibility, honesty, confidence, respect, courage, speaking up, and appreciating differences.

Classroom Learning Environment

- 4 Classrooms will focus on using new furnishings in a universally designed classroom environment to meet the needs of their students.

Pedagogical Practices

Inquiry Based Learning

- Student engagement with inquiry learning. Kindergarten to Grade 4 students will participate in various inquiry based lessons throughout the school year.

Early Years Literacy

- Kindergarten to Grade 4 will participate in a classroom specific guided reading programs.

Leveraging Digital


Teacher iPads

Using their iPads, teachers will focus on student assessment and data collection.

Pods of iPads

K-2 Students will be introduced to the SAMR model and how to use technology to create and design. Students in Grades K-2 will use pods of 4-5 iPads in their classroom to accelerate accessing information.

Name: _____
Class: _____

 **Thanks For Filling A Bucket!**

Name: _____
Gr. _____ Date: _____

Here's Why:

Signature: _____
Learning, Safety, Respect

