

Nautilus Elementary

2007-2008 3-4-5 Multiage Syllabus

READING

Using the State Standards, students will participate in the Reading Workshop and/or Daily Five components at their reading level using a variety of literature and resources.

They may participate in the following activities:

- Reading Workshop
- Read and Lead program with PTA
- Book Clubs
- Reading Response to classroom read-aloud stories and independent reading books
- Conferences and goal setting
- Genre Studies
- Accelerated Reader

WRITING

Using the Step Up To Writing program and Lucy Caulkins, students will learn the writing process from pre-write to the finished product to meet State Standards at their grade level. Students will work on including organization, relevant content, style, and the necessary conventions within their writing.

MATH

Using the State Standards in Mathematics, lessons will be used from Investigations, Scott Foresman, Washington Math Problem Solving, and other supplemental materials. Students will have multiple opportunities to experience hands-on activities to further develop mathematical concepts.

At the beginning of the year, the students will be assessed to determine their math level. The 3-4-5 multiage teachers will switch students for math so that they can be grouped according to their appropriate level. You will be notified as to whom your child's math teacher will be.

SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, & ART

- Science will be taught with district science kits and include the following units:
Land and Water (Fall) Human Body (Spring)
- Our social studies focus will be Washington State History.
- We will be focusing on a different aspect of art each month.

TECHNOLOGY

Students will work on keyboarding skills, word processing, Power Point presentations, and Internet research (with parental permission).

MUSIC (Teacher: Mrs. Walker)

Students will participate in music for two periods in a 5-day rotation and the grade-level musical concert in the winter. Grading will be on skills/concepts and participation.

HEALTH AND FITNESS EDUCATION (Teacher: Mr. Underwood)

Students will participate in PE for two periods in a 5-day rotation. Grading will be on skills/concepts and participation.

Students are asked to dress appropriately on P.E. days.

LIBRARY

Students will meet with the librarian one day a week. Books are always due the day of library. However, students may visit the library during designated times throughout the week to return and checkout books.

STUDY SKILLS

- Students are required to keep and update a weekly homework calendar, which is to be kept in their homework folder at all times.
- Students are required to keep and update a monthly calendar where they will record long term projects, special events, specialist days, class birthdays, Read and Lead dates, etc. This is also to be kept in your child's homework folder.

HELPING YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

- Take the time to read with your child each day. Just listening to them read out loud has been proven to be extremely valuable. Attached you will find an article showing just how important this can be in your child's academic success. Sharing your love for reading is one of the best things you can do for them!
- Visit the public library and have your child pick out some books. You can check out as many as you'd like!
- Consider purchasing books from our class book orders. It's often the most inexpensive way you can get them!
- Check your child's homework folder each night and talk with them about what they did at school each day. Don't take "nothing" for an answer!
- Please offer to assist your child, if needed, when they work on homework, but do not do the assignment for them. If you provide assistance, please indicate (write a note) in the margin of the paper any difficulty your child experienced.

GRADING

- Student work will be graded using the **Exceeding, Meeting, Approaching, and Below** scale.

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

- Students are coached to verbalize their learning and set goals in preparation for their conferences. The students will be actively using a portfolio throughout the year to monitor their growth in reading, writing, and math.