

WTS ELEMENTARY PROGRAM OVERVIEW: 2025-2026

READING

Pearson “My View” - Emphasis on Comprehension, Differentiated Instruction, Read/Write activities, Common Core skills
Emphasis on phonics in grades K-2
Regular Read-alouds & Silent Reading times in most classes
Extra-Curricular Events to support Reading: Reading Late night, Book Fair, Read-a-thon, Reading Counts, etc.
Excellent Remedial Reading Program (STAR) Grades K-5
NWEA Testing for critical state standards skills
Dyslexia screening for grades K-2
Heggerty Phonemic Awareness K-1
Jolly Phonics K-1
UFLI K-2

MATH

McGraw Hill Reveal Math
iMath Program (Grades K-5) for Remediation
Elementary Math Bowl Team
Required knowledge of basic math facts in grades 1-5
On-line resources for remediation/help

SCIENCE

Mystery Science
STEM Club
Be a Scientist Day!
Science Fair (Grades 4-5) (emphasis on Scientific Process for projects)

STEM-

PLTW courses for all k-5 students

SOCIAL STUDIES

Pearson “My World” - Emphasis on Interactive Writing in Text, Historical Concepts, Higher Level Thinking, & map skills
Integrated activities as part of Reading series
Student Current Events magazines (Scholastic, Time for Kids) in most classes

LANGUAGE ARTS

Benchmark “Writer’s Workshop” – Daily writing utilizing Writer’s Workshop model
6+1 Writing traits used for compositions school-wide
Zaner-Bloser Handwriting: Continuous Stroke Method (not D'Nealian), Cursive introduced in 3rd grade
Elementary Spell Bowl Team(Grades 4-5)

HEALTH

“The Great Body Shop” – Monthly magazine: Emphasis on Nutrition, Body Systems, Disease & Drug Prevention, Self-Esteem.
Conflict Management program teaching conflict resolution skills
K-12 Corporation Wellness Policy implemented

MUSIC

Pearson “Interactive Music” - Emphasis on Rhythm, Pitch, Note Reading, Instrumentation & Music Appreciation
Elementary Swing Choir (Grades 4-5)”WTS Live!”
2 Musical Programs a year
Tone Chimes & Xylophone lessons for note reading

ART

Harcourt “Art Everywhere”
Frequent participation in Art & Poster contests
Art Fair

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Emphasis on Physical Fitness, Healthy Habits, Locomotor Skills & Team Sports
Field Day/Fun Run
Presidential Physical Fitness Awards
Mileage Club – emphasizes walking for daily health

LIBRARY

Emphasis on recreational reading
1 class a week - library instruction and book check-out
Book Fairs & Read-a-thon Awards Ceremony
Reading Counts reading incentive program
Reading Late Night for grades 4-5

COMPUTERS/TECHNOLOGY

1-to-1 Chromebooks for each student (in school only) for grades k-5.
Technology Proficiencies at each grade level correspond to national standards
Internet access in the classroom (filtered for inappropriate content)
Emphasis on using computers as a tool & part of regular classroom instruction
40-50 min. weekly time
Publishing/word processing software used at most grade levels

Keyboarding skills taught in grades K-5
Interactive digital whiteboards with document cameras in each classroom

HIGH ABILITY

High Ability identification process with cluster grouping at each grade level.
Differentiated Instruction/Assignments
Math & Spell Bowl Teams
Reading Counts program for accelerated readers

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Student of the Week Award
Awards Day
Presidential Academic Fitness
Honor Roll Awards

TEACHERS TRAINED & USING EFFECTIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES

Google Classroom and Resources
Elearning instruction
Madeline Hunter Effective Teaching Techniques
Collaborative Learning
6+1 Traits Writing Program
Lee Canter Assertive Discipline/ Love and Logic
Differentiated Instruction (Carolyn Coil)
Anti-Bullying & Conflict Management Skills
Writer's Workshop

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Ball for all grades
Special events (Carnival, Reading Events, Father/Student Night, Haunt Night, Parent/Student Dance ,ZAO Island, PBIS Rewards)
Clubs (Scouting groups, 4-H, Girls on the Run)
Spirit Day & Special Dress-Up Days
Swing Choir (WTS Live!)
STEM Club
Academic Competition Teams (Spell & Math Bowl)
Student Council (Grades 3-5)
Keyboarding Club

REMEDIATION

STAR Reading Program (Grades K-5)
iMath Program (Grades K-5)
Special Ed. Coop (LD, MMH, Autism, & SEH Programs in school)
Individual help from parents & student volunteers, aides & teachers
Individual Language Plans for ESL students

COUNSELING/VALUES

Full-time elementary counselor (Student Services Specialist) working with individual students and small groups
10 Core Values emphasized and reinforced (Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Integrity, Cooperation, Appreciation, Caring, Effort/Determination, Citizenship, and Kindness) with weekly instruction by School Counselor in classes
Anti-Bullying emphasis and strategies (Conflict Management Plans)
Student Planners utilized in grades 1-5 to help with organizational skills

STUDENT SAFETY

Full-time Resource Officer on campus
All exterior doors are locked – visitor sign-in at the main office is required for entrance into the elementary building
All classroom doors are locked
Full-time nursing staff in the building
School Guard app for instant notification to police by staff
Unified “One County-One Protocol” measures in place
Monthly safety drills
Staff trained in emergency procedures
Fenced-in Playground area
Security cameras are positioned all around and in the building