



A Day in the Life

- Students participate in Literacy activities for 45 minutes Monday - Thursday
- Based on beginning of the year assessments and MAP testing, students are broken up into groups to work on specific skills for their level (around 8-10 students)
- Students will be working on grammar topics, a novel study, and handwriting in class during literacy once a week. Students will also look at vocabulary using Structured Word Inquiry. The books/activities are based on student's grade level standards.
- Some students work with the literacy specialist, Emma, during this block of time on various writing and reading skills



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- Within the literacy groups, students practice handwriting, spelling, sentence construction, comprehension/inferencing/predicting skills, and how to talk about literature they are reading
- Groups work on specific skills based on Common Core ELA for their ready-to-learn level
- Each group also sometimes focuses on reading a book altogether and learns different analyzing skills



Essential Skills

- Follows words from left to right when reading
- Curiosity for reading various genres
- Know all of the kindergarten sight words
- Know how to decode high frequency words
- Know how to decode CVC words
- Know how to write all uppercase and lowercase letters
- Recognize and name ending punctuation in a sentence



How We Prepare Students

Specific skills depend on the level students are placed in, and include:

- Decode regularly spelled one and two syllable words
- Print all uppercase and lowercase letters
- Identify the main topic and main idea of a text
- Recount stories and retell the major events
- Understand the different points of views of characters
- Use books as research tools and analyze both the text and images for more information
- Compare and contrast two or more versions of the same story
- Write full constructed sentences
- Understand how to use dialogue
- Correctly use punctuation at the end of a sentence
- Know how to consult the word wall and dictionaries for spelling guidance

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