James H. Vernon School

2023-2024

Curriculum Guide

Grade



Empowering ALL Students to Achieve Excellence

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS / READING

English Language Arts is aligned with the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards and Teachers College, Columbia University's philosophy. Students practice reading critically and writing purposefully.

READING

With a focus on fluency, accuracy, and comprehension, students read independently, in partnerships, and in book clubs. Units of study include but are

- not limited to:Character Study
- High Interest Non-Fiction
- Book Clubs: Biographies & Research

WRITING

With a focus on process writing, students practice developing ideas, drafting, revising, and editing. Units of study include but are not limited to:

- Personal Narrative
- Information Books
- Persuasive Speeches
- Literary Essay

In addition, students are prepared for the New York State English Language Arts Assessment. Students also create and present multimedia presentations.

MATHEMATICS

The mathematics curriculum is aligned with the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards and students are provided with a variety of experiences that



promote mathematical understanding with the use of manipulatives. The concepts include:

- Place Value, Estimation, and Money
- Multiplication and Division
- Introduction to Fractions
- Time, Measurement, and Data
- Geometry: Area and Perimeter

In addition, students are prepared for the New York State Mathematics Assessment.

SOCIAL STUDIES



Third grade social studies highlights "Communities Around the World". Students learn about global citizenship and focus on three communities that represent different regions of the world, types of communities, and governmental structures.



Skill Development:

- Map Skills, Reading Diagrams and Timelines
- Fact and Opinion, Cause and Effect
- Research Techniques

SCIENCE

Students will apply scientific and engineering practices to explore and explain scientific phenomena. Throughout the year, students will develop an

understanding of and make connections between the following core disciplinary ideas:

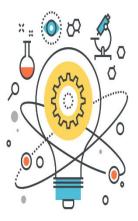
- Ecosystem Change
- Life Cycles and Traits
- Weather and Climate
- Forces and Interactions

ART

Students demonstrate their creativity in a variety of ways and develop artistic skills through:



- Use of the materials and resources available for creation of arts
- Response to a variety of works in the arts and connections to other artists
- Use of different techniques and color mixing to create abstract art
- Study of famous artists and their work as inspiration
- Exploration of a variety of materials for each project



LIBRARY MEDIA

Designed to encourage students' curiosity, the library program equips students with the skills they need to explore the world through literature and research.

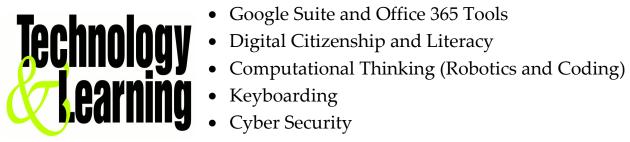


• Students learn to navigate the library and use its resources.

- Students learn to locate and critique sources of information.
- Students learn to create multimedia presentations.

TECHNOLOGY

Students learn how to use technology productively and safely. Throughout the curriculum, students build an understanding of the essential features of digital technologies, why and how they work, and how to communicate and create using those technologies:



- Google Suite and Office 365 Tools

- Cyber Security

MUSIC

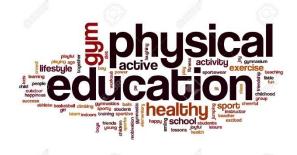
Students develop musical skills as well as an appreciation of music through:



- Integration into subject area curriculum
- Classroom instrument instruction and vocal instruction focusing on creating, performing, and responding in a music community setting
- Music history

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Team building and personal growth form the foundation of the P.E. program. Activities provided include:



- Fitness
- Track and Field and Team Sports
- Circus Arts
- Project Adventure

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