

2024-2025 Curriculum Night





"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

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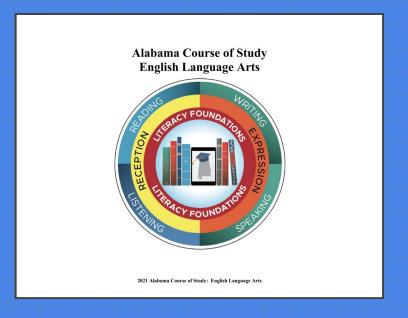
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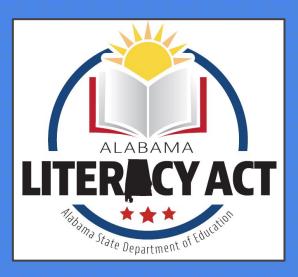
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STANDARDS

The Alabama Course of Study: English Language Arts is composed of learning standards that define what learners should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level.

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Alabama Literacy Act



The Alabama legislature passed the Alabama Literacy Act in 2019. The Alabama Literacy Act was established to ensure students are able to read at or above grade level by the end of the 3rd grade. The Alabama Literacy Act outlines steps to improve the reading proficiency of each student in Kindergarten through Grade 3. The law states that all 3rd grade students shall demonstrate sufficient reading skills for promotion to 4th grade.

The Alabama Literacy Act ensures scientifically-based reading instruction and multisensory language instruction in the following areas:

- Oral language development
- Phonological awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency

- Writing
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

Layers of Support



There are many layers of support provided to students who are struggling to meet grade level expectations.















Pathway to Promotion Grade Level Ready Performance Outcomes

Third graders will be promoted to fourth grade if they demonstrate sufficient reading skills through one of the following pathways:



Score above the lowest achievement level for the ACAP in the spring



Earn an acceptable score for the ACAP
Supplemental Assessment





Master grade 3 Essential Reading Standards in the Student Reading Portfolio



Meet one of the Good Cause Exemptions

English Language Arts

Wide range of abilities

Whole group and small group instruction

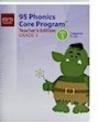
Literacy Stations

ELA Highlights-Curriculum

95 Percent Phonics Program











Assessments

- Weekly spelling and dictation assessments that measure application of the phonics skill taught
- Summative assessments are given on review weeks. The summative assessment is used to determine if students have mastered the critical skills within the unit lessons.

The 95 Percent Phonics program will be used to teach phonics and word study in K-5.
95 Percent Phonics is evidence-based phonics instruction grounded in the science of reading. 95 Percent phonics builds critical phonics skills through explicit instruction to develop strong readers, K-5. 95 Percent is an approved supplemental program.



ELA Highlights-Curriculum



Open Court Reading is an approved comprehensive reading program that teaches critical comprehension strategies and integrates close reading strategies into learning so that students can apply them to new text. Vocabulary practice throughout each lesson provides opportunities for students to discuss definitions and better understand the meanings of new words. In addition to learning composition skills—prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing—students learn skills like handwriting, sentence construction, grammar, usage, and mechanics.

Assessments

 Regularly scheduled assessments are given to assess the focus standards taught throughout each unit.





ELA Highlights

INDEPENDENT READING PLAN

K-5 is committed to a set aside independent reading time where students are actively reading each day. Teachers are conferencing with students in order to gauge comprehension and gain insight into student interests and reading abilities. Each grade level has a system in place for student engagement in reading.

- A book number goal will be given to all students.
- Students will be given an incentive for reaching their at home reading goal after each 9 weeks.
- The class will be given an incentive for reaching their at school reading goal after each 9 weeks.

English Language Arts

DIBELS mClass- Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. DIBELS will be tested 3 times a year. (August, December, May) A teacher will test your child.

- Letter Naming Fluency
- Phoneme Segmentation Fluency This is an auditory test.
- Nonsense Word Fluency Correct Letter Sounds and Words Recoded Correctly
- Word Reading Fluency

	August	December	May
LNF	25	37	42
PSF	5	29	44
NWF: CLS	9	25	31
NWF: WRC	1	3	7
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English Language Arts

Practice Sheets: Word Lists, Phonemic Awareness Skills, Sight Words Practice Folders will start second semester.

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English Language Arts

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Word List

Please write how many letters your child said in one minute:

Please have your child practice reading these words several times during the week. Your child will have a one-on-one-test on reading these words nest week. When your child is reading the <u>blending words</u>, encourage your child to push the sounds to read the word. <u>Sight Words</u> have to be mad authentically within 1 seconds to be counted correct.

Blending Words

- 1. tan
- 2. pin
- 3. tin
- 4. nap
- 5. man
- 6. pan
- 7. mist
- 8. spin

Sight Words

- 9. that
- 10. and

Parent Signatures: Day 1:

Day 2:_

Listen to your child read these sentences:

We nap on the mat.

The man can spin.

I can tap on the pan.

Sam can tap to the

This section is done orally. Your child should not look at the paper. Say the word. Have your child hell you each sound they hear in the word. Record how many your child said correctly.

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Practice #8

*Please return this paper on Monday, November 15th.

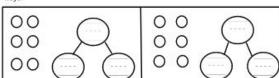
Listen to your child count **backwards** from 10 each day. Did your child count accurately and automatically? If not, write how far they counted before making an

 Make this AAB pattern for your child: hap, hop, clap, hap, hop, clap. Have your child repeat and extend the pattern.

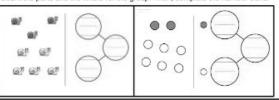
Make this ABC pattern for your child: hap, clap, snap, hap, clap, snap Have your child repeat and extend the pattern.

Ask your child to make an ABC pattern. After you listen to it, join in with your child.

Color the counters red and yellow. Then complete the number bond two different ways.



Count the parts and the whole for the group. Then, complete the number bond.



MATH HIGHLIGHTS

What?

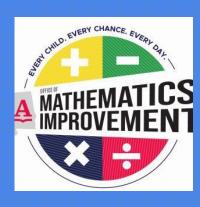


Standards

Each content standard in the 2019
Alabama Mathematics Course of Study contains the minimum required content and defines what students should know and be able to do at the conclusion of a course or grade. The course of study does not dictate curriculum, teaching methods or sequence.



Alabama Numeracy Act

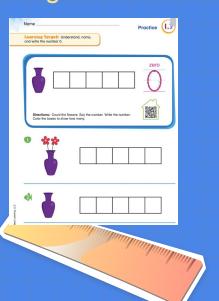


The 2022 Alabama Numeracy Act is the state's comprehensive plan to improve mathematics proficiency of public school students in grades K-5 and ensure that those students are proficient in mathematics by the end of the fifth grade and to support for all students and teachers.

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MATH HIGHLIGHTS How?

State Approved
Big Ideas Curriculum





Math Workshop Model for Instruction

balance of whole group & small group instruction and teacher directed & student centered learning



Assessment

Running Records

A variety of weekly, chapter, and unit assessments are given to monitor student progress as well as guide instruction for each concept.

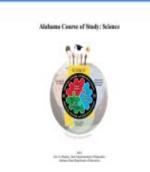




SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS



STANDARDS



The 2023 Alabama Course of Study: Science provides foundational knowledge and learning progressions that are coherent, vertically aligned, and increasingly rigorous. The standards are designed to prepare scientifically literate citizens who can evaluate the quality of science information, appreciate science as a way of knowing about the world, and make sound, evidence-based decisions.



AMSTI Science units will be paired with the adopted StemScopes resources to provide Science instruction and hands-on learning experiences across all grade level.

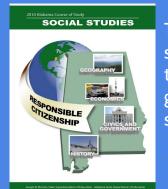


Students learn by doing and experience science concepts using STEMscopes resources. STEMscopes is an approved textbook.

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SOCIAL STUDIES HIGHLIGHTS

STANDARDS



The Social Studies standards describe the required knowledge and skills of economics, geography, history, and civics and government that students are expected to know and be able to do at a particular grade level. All strands are included in every grade; however, one strand may be given more emphasis at one or more grade levels.

INTEGRATED

Oftentimes, social studies topics are integrated in other subject-area discussions, especially in grades K-3.



Studies Weekly is a state-approved resource used by teachers to implement the Social Studies Course of Study into the daily instructional program.



DIGITAL LITERACY / COMPUTER SCIENCE



What?

All students in grades K-5 receive instruction focused on computational thinking, computer science, and digital literacy.

These lessons are embedded into the classroom curriculum, and also addressed in the media center and during STEM class.

How?

Click this image for tips to build responsible digital citizens at home, or visit bit.ly/mcsdigitalparents

Build Strong Digital Citizens

Why?

We live in a digital world. <u>Click here to find</u> <u>out more!</u>



Tips for Families

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Media Balance
Privacy and Security
Digital Footprint

What?

This is a screen sharing platform that allows our teachers to monitor students' screens at school.

Through GoGuardian, teachers can provide instant access to resources, communicate and connect easily with students, and assist students in maintaining focus on their activity.





At Home?

Teachers are unable to provide any type of monitoring of student devices outside of school hours.

We all know that our students need time to socialize and participate in off-screen activities daily. We suggest setting a household guideline and turning off/charging devices at a given time each night.

DIGITAL ACCESS AT HOME



Helpful Resources

Clever Dashboard

- Students can access and sign into their district platforms
- Access links shared by classroom teacher
- Access additional resources from the district such as coding activities and the virtual math library at any time

Problem with your device?

Complete a help desk ticket by selecting Incident IQ from MCS **Bookmarks**

Elementary Parent Site

You can find helpful tutorials for all of our tech resources and platforms as well as suggestions for great online learning activities on our Elementary Parent Site.

MCS Bookmarks



Programs Bool

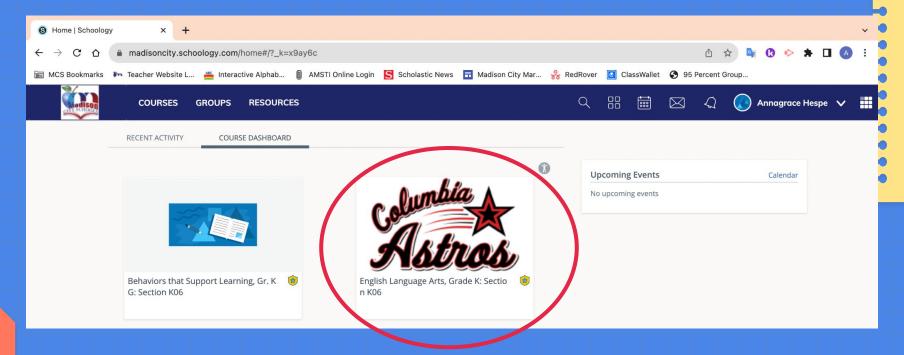
- ACAP Sandbox
- ALSDE PD
- BookTracks
- Clever
- Elementary Instructions
- Ellevation
- Incident IQ Tickets
- iNow
- Madison City Schools
- Math 180
- Read 180
- Renaissance Place
- Scantron
- Schoology

All of the helpful resources can be found in your child's MCS Bookmarks, which is located at the top left of their chrome browser window.



We are a Google School District! Students have access to all Google tools!

Schoology



ASSESSMENT

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Measures reading & math progress compared to grade level standards

- Administered 3 times a year
- Personalized practice to follow assessment

mCLASS

Measures foundational reading progress in grades K-3 using various subtests

- Administered 3 times a year
- Progress
 monitoring follows
 assessment as
 appropriate

O3 ACAP

Measures progress towards grade level standards in reading and math in grades 2-5 as well as science in grade 4

- Administered during the 4th Nine Weeks
- 3rd grade reading assessment - ALA

O4 FORMATIVE

Observation, written, discussion...

- Ongoing
- Teacher discretion
- Specific examples mentioned on previous slides



GRADING OVERVIEW



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Report Cards

K-2 Report cards are sent home following each of the four grading periods.

Report cards share information about student progress towards grade level standards.

K-2 Standards Based Rubric

- 4 Demonstrates an understanding of the standard independently
- 3 Demonstrates an understanding of the standard with minimum supports
- 2 Demonstrates an understanding of the standard with continuous supports
- 1 Does not demonstrate an understanding of the standards

Dates to Expect Report Cards

- 0 10/10/2024
- 0 1/9/2025
- 0 3/19/2025
- 5/21/2025



What to Expect from Reports

- Look for gradual change over the year.
- A 4 will not appear until your child is consistently showing independent mastery of a skill.
- Power Standards



Progress Reports

K-2 Progress Reports are sent home after 4 ½ weeks of instruction within the given nine weeks.

Progress Reports highlight areas of focus to assist your child in meeting grade level expectations.



Dates to Expect Progress Reports

- 9/11/2024
- 11/13/2024
- 2/12/2025
- 4/23/2025

Parent guides are available to assist you with helping your child at home.



HIGHLIGHTS



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ATTENDANCE



DAILY ATTENDANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR ACADEMIC GROWTH TO OCCUR AT AN ADEQUATE PACE.

Should your child have to miss school due to illness or an unforeseen event, please email a note to cesattendance <u>@madisoncity.k12.al.us</u> within 3 days of the absence.

After 3 unexcused absences, parents will be notified via a letter to caution you of possible truancy concerns

After 5 unexcused absences, the parent will receive a second letter to notify you of a meeting with a school administrator to discuss school attendance concerns.

After 7 unexcused absences, the parent will receive a third letter to notify you of a meeting with the district attendance officer.

After 10 unexcused absences, a truancy court referral will be made based upon attendance concerns.



WAYS PARENTS CAN REMAIN INFORMED

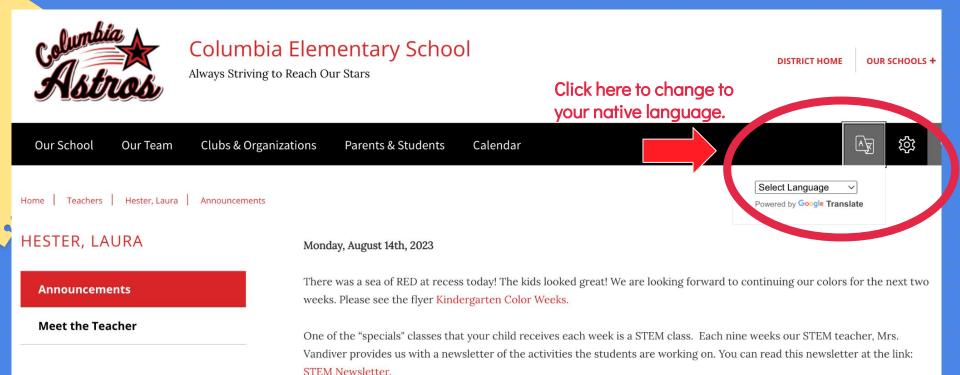


- Review the Weekly Newsletter-/Daily Folder
- Follow
 School
 Website &
 Facebook
 Page

Use the PowerSchool Parent Portal

Review the Code of Student Conduct

Read our Class Website - I send the link on each text.



How to find our Newsletters - Starting in September



Columbia Elementary School

Always Striving to Reach Our Stars

Our School Our Team **Clubs & Organizations** Parents & Students Calendar

Hester, Laura

Announcements

HESTER, LAURA

Announcements

Meet the Teacher

Thursday, August 30th

Please click the link to read this week's newsletter: September 4

Please remember to send your child's rest mat and poetry notebook back to school on Tuesday

Click on the

dates to open

the newsletter

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend.

This is what the newsletter looks like...



Kindergarten Weekly Newsletter Week of September 4-8, 2023

Upcoming Events

9/4: Labor Day - No School 9/11: Wear Red. White, and Blue in honor of Patriot Day

9/8 - 9/22: Fall Fundraiser 9/14: Progress Reports go home today

9/16: Return Progress Report signed by today

September Challenge*

Ensure your child gets 10-12 hours of sleep each night. Lights out and no technology.



Reading: Open Court Unit 2 Lesson 2

Phonics: We will be learning about letters Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy, and Zz with our Letter Experts. We will be using alphabet arcs to learn letter sequence and identification.

Writing Focus: We will write our names with correct letter formation and line orientation. We will practice writing our names with the first letter being uppercase and the rest with

Phonemic Awareness: Isolating and identifying the beginning sound in words Read Alouds: Rhyming Books - Listening for rhyme in books

Math: Bia Ideas Continuing Chapter 3

- Show and count the numbers 8 and 9.
- Understand and write the numbers 8 and 9.

Important Information

At Parent Night, we shared an ambitious goal to know all of our uppercase and lowercase letters by the end of Letter Experts, If your child does not know their letters (uppercase, lowercase, out of order), please spend time working on letter identification at home. You can do this with flashcards, alphabet puzzles, books, the Letter Blocks on www.starfall.com, and by watching Leap Frog's The Letter Factory. Daily practice with letters will help your child be confident and automatic with letter recognition.

*Each month, the Kindergarten students will have a challenge. If your child successfully completes the challenge all month, you will send a note in the Daily folder letting your child's teacher know. Your child will earn Good Time Tickets or a small prize.

GRADE LEVEL FIELD TRIPS

Our first field trip will be on October 15th. We will visit Guillon Farms in Somerville, Alabama. We will need parent chaperones to ride with us on the school bus. We will need one parent to volunteer to bring the pumpkins back to school. Other parents can meet us there. You will need to bring cash and pay when you arrive. You must notify your child's teacher prior to the field trip if you are planning on joining us on the field trip. You will also be required to sign in at the front office and get a visitor sticker. Remember all school rules apply while we are on our field trip.

There will be a school field trip to see the school production of High School Musical.

We will take a field trip to Early Works museum on April 10th.

HOME

Birthdays and Parties

We will celebrate birthdays as a class by recognizing your child and singing to them. We no longer purchase ice cream or bring goody bags.

Invitations-If you are sending invitations through our daily folders please invite all students, only boys or only girls. If you want to invite a smaller group of kids, please mail invitations using the classroom directory.

Class Parties – 2 per year – no siblings are invited to parties - only parents

We must follow the school nutritional guidelines for parties.

CLASSROOM VISIT



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS



TEACHER CONTACT









CELEBRATIONS



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



- LibraryBehavior
- Daily Schedule
- Money
- Reminders from Kindergarten 101
- Classroom Directory
- Class Shirts Deadline to order is _
- Madison City Schools Calendar- Half Days Dismissal at 11:30

Oct 9, Dec 19, Dec 20, Feb 12, May 20, May 21

PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER THESE THINGS EACH DAY



Backpack To include daily folder

To include daily folde with necessary contents, charged Chromebook, etc.



Water Bottle

Only water, please



Snack

All students have a snack time daily







SPECIALTY AREAS





COUNSELINGPROGRAM

School Counselor(s): Sturdivant and Bowen

- School Counselors help support academic, personal, and career development in all students
- Provide classroom lessons twice monthly to all students K-5
- Counseling for students in individual or small groups if needed (with parent permission)
- Parents can contact the School Counselor to make a referral for their child or discuss any concerns
 - sksturdivant@madisoncity.k12.al.us



CES School Counseling Program School Counselors:

School Counselors: Sadie Sturdivant, M.A.Ed., NCC, ALC Hillary Bowen, M. A. Ed

Counseling Services

Individual Counseling*
Small Group Counseling*
Core Counseling Lessons
Crisis Intervention
Parent and Teacher Consultation
Referral Services
504 Coordination

How can your child see the school counselor?

Parent Referral
Teacher Referral
Student Self-Referral
Administrator Referral
Counselor Observation

Let's Connect!

Email: sksturdivant @madisoncity.k12.al.us hbbowen @madisoncity.k12.al.us *Opt-In Forms*

Benefits of School Counseling

Good mental health allows children to think clearly, develop socially, and learn new skills

Children who develop a strong emotional intelligence are better able to control their behavior

Self-regulation and prevention strategies can equip students with the skills necessary to combat mental health issues

School Counselors serve as advocates for all students to succeed

Schools, parents, and communities that collaborate provide the most effective support system for students

Grade Levels

Mrs. Sturdivant - K, 2nd, 4th Mrs. Bowen - 1st, 3rd, 5th

LIBRARY MEDIA

- The library media center (LMC) is a place where individuals and groups of students use information to extend classroom studies and to further personal interests.
- Students have open, flexible access to library media resources and services.
- Library media resources are available to support the curriculum, encourage research, engage students in pleasure reading, and address individual needs and interests.
- Resources are organized by a recognized method and are available in an automated format via Atrium.
- Please help our child learn his/her lunch number as this is the number utilized to check out books when visiting the media center for that purpose.
- Parents can access the OPAC link (Online Access Catalog) from the media center page to view book offerings.

Our mission is to prepare students for global communication and innovation through visual literacy.





 Students participate in art class once a week for 30 minutes.

The art teachers follow a scope and sequence aligned to the Alabama Course of Study for Arts

Education.





MUSIC

The goal of the program is to assist students in developing knowledge, understanding, and skills required to participate authentically in the discipline of music. Musically literate individuals can independently carry out the Artistic Processes of Creating, Performing, Responding, and Connecting.

- Students receive music instruction once a week for 30 minutes.
- The music teachers follow a scope and sequence aligned to the Alabama Course of Study for Arts Education.
- Music teachers use instruments as a hand-on approach to teaching music as well as Quaver, a program
 aligned to the general music standards also providing an interactive experience and application of the skills
 being taught.



Physical Education

PE Highlights:

- Provide students with 30 minutes of physical activity every day of the week.
- The goal of the program is to develop students physical competence and knowledge of movement and safety.
- Provides team building opportunities among the students and allows them to develop communication skills between their peers.



SPANISH

Madison City Schools offers an exploratory Spanish program.

- The goal of the program is to give students a positive exposure to the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.
- All students receive instruction from the Spanish teacher once a week for 30 minutes.
- The curriculum begins with simple conversational Spanish in Kindergarten to more advanced levels in 5th grades.





MCS Elementary STEM Program

- The goal of the elementary (PreK-5) STEM program is to develop 21st century skills and a foundational knowledge base important to STEM fields and global citizenship. This program is also designed to prepare students for middle school STEM opportunities and create awareness of STEM career pathways.
- Students will have STEM classes once a week for 30 minutes for grades PreK-5th.



- Students can expect hands on explorations with various technologies and they will design "out of the box" projects based on student learning.
- Students will experience STEM at a level that is above and beyond what is done in their regular classroom.

GIFTED PROGRAM

Intellectually gifted children and youth are those who perform or who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. These children and youth require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program.

- Second Grade Child Find Second-grade teachers and gifted specialists will observe the students and note any gifted behaviors. Teachers use a state department required indicators list and the Gifted Specialist presents a series of lessons designed to elicit work samples for potential referrals.
- Standard Referrals Students in grades 3rd-5th may be referred for gifted services by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, and other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities. Standard referral processes have a timeline of 90 days and consist of several assessments, work samples, and behavior scales completed by a Gifted Referral Screening Team.

Provided Services Include...

- Pull out services for 3rd-5th grade students (3 hours a week)
- Consultative services for K-2nd grade teachers & students
- Collaborative services for 3rd-5th grade teachers







We appreciate your attendance at the 2024 Curriculum Night!







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