

Art

Students learn how to see their world through artistic eyes. Just as they learn to write and read, our goal is to offer a basic platform to help students successfully communicate ideas visually. We believe every student can move forward in artistic ability, and does not require special talents to do so. Since we live in a visual culture, our students must learn to navigate it. Visual thinking strategies help them interpret historical, social, and cultural connections to artwork and their visual world. Students work with 2D and 3D art forms in a wide array of materials/media to perform and create artwork, and to evaluate and reflect on it. By creating and critiquing art, students will participate in a community of artists, past and present, who impact generations with a visual voice.

Music

In kindergarten through second grade, students explore music through dancing, singing and using instruments. We focus on steady beat, rhythm, and melody while developing knowledge of dynamics and pitch. Students develop familiarity with multicultural music, singing games, and body percussion. We showcase these skills at our winter and spring concerts as well as other performances throughout the year. Music lessons incorporate cross-curricular themes and help support student growth in the classroom.

Physical Education

The goal of physical education is to build lifelong fitness skills, knowledge of the importance of being physically fit, and develop fundamental motor skills. This is built through speed/agility, core/strength, and aerobic exercise training. The social skills learned in physical education help the student to use safe practices, rules, cooperation, and sportsmanship throughout their lifetime. Students are encouraged to focus on the importance of effort, with individualized goal setting being key, not comparing themselves to others.



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Welcome to First Grade



A Parent's Guide to Curriculum



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our children's future

Reading

- Knows letter sounds
- Recognizes required basic sight words
- Has and uses strategies to decode words
- Comprehends what is read
- Reads fluently and with expression at first grade level

Spelling

- Correctly spells weekly words
- Spells correctly in daily work

Writing

- Correctly follows grammar rules
- Prints neatly without reversals
- Forms numbers and letters neatly
- Writes in complete sentences
- Expresses ideas clearly in written work
- Can produce specific types (genres) of writing

Science

- Weather Watchers
- Sorting Things Out
- An Animal's Life

Social Studies

- The World Around Me

Mathematics

- Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve word problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all position.
- Add and subtract within 20 demonstrating fluency for addition and subtraction within 10. Use strategies such as counting on, making ten, decomposing a number leading to a ten, using the relationship between addition and subtraction.
- Count to 120, starting at any number less than 120. In this range, read and write numbers and represent a number of objects with a written numeral.
- Compare two 2-digit numbers based on meanings of the tens and ones digits, recording the comparisons with the symbols $<$, $+$, and $>$.
- Given a 2-digit number, mentally find 10 more or 10 less than the number, without having to count; explain the reasoning used.
- Organize, represent, and interpret data with up to three categories; ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category, and how many more or less are in one category than in another.

At Hopkins Elementary We Are:

Very respectful

Including everyone

Keeping it together

Excited about learning

Staying Safe