

AIRLINE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Our Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade classroom offers a unique opportunity for our students to learn and work collaboratively with their teacher. Older students take on a leadership role to help the younger students develop and grow in an environment that supports individual needs. Students build confidence and life-long social skills.

English Language Arts

By the end of second grade, our students will be able to...

Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details while using coherent sentences

Read a variety of both fiction and non-fiction texts at the second grade level

Write sentences showing complete thoughts using nouns, verbs, and adjectives as well as correct punctuation and spelling for common words

Write opinion, narrative, and informational pieces with an introduction, supporting details, and conclusion

Math

By the end of second grade, our students will ...

- Know all basic facts automatically for addition and subtraction through the 10s

$$(10 + 10 = 20, 20 - 10 = 10)$$

- Understand the concept of multiplication and solve problems through 5×5

- Solve addition and subtraction problems up to 100.

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- Understand place value up to 1,000 comparing numbers and identifying what each digit represents (For example, 307 has 3 hundreds, 0 tens, and 7 ones)
- Tell time to the nearest 5 minutes and be able to count money up to \$1.00
- Describe attributes and draw shapes such as triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, and hexagons
- Know when to use addition and subtraction to solve a variety of word problems
- Measure the length of objects to the nearest inch or centimeter



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Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2

Science: During the primary years, students practice collecting data, making diagrams, and recording observations in their science journals. Students learn about the growth and development of organisms through the study of the life cycles of the Painted Lady Butterfly and the Atlantic Salmon. Students participate in the "Salmon in our Schools" project, rearing salmon eggs and later releasing the salmon. Students learn about the sun, moon, and stars. They observe and describe the seasonal patterns of the sun and length of daylight. Students learn about the seasons and how the weather changes throughout the year. They also explore the water cycle and where water is found on Earth using a variety of displays to show their understanding.

Social Studies: An integrated approach to teaching social studies is used to help students understand civics, geography, and culture by focusing on people, places, and the environment. Students learn about community helpers such as firefighters and police officers and the role they play in helping us stay safe. Respecting people's differences is acquired when learning about various cultures throughout the world. Students learn how to identify and describe emotions such as anger, happiness, surprise, frustration, pride, etc. Students also work cooperatively and learn skills such as asking to join a group, sharing, taking turns, listening, asking for help, and apologizing.

Additional Opportunities

Small class size and low student-teacher ratio allows for a variety of field trips and community experiences at this grade level. Examples include trips to a local farm, the Grand Theater in Ellsworth, and Leonard's Mills.

Art: Students participate in art lessons once a week: drawing, painting, and creating while using a variety of materials.

Dance: Over an eight week period a visiting dance instructor helps the students explore the dance concepts of space, time, tempo, energy, composition, and form.

Music: Students in the primary grades have the opportunity to sing and explore a variety of musical concepts. They are also introduced to musical notation.

Physical Education: Time for recess and outdoor play is provided every day. Students also participate in yoga and nature walks.

Chess: Chess is introduced in the K-2 classroom and any interested student can participate in after school Chess.

Parent and Community Involvement

The Airline Community School is a great place to go to school! We are a small PreKindergarten through Grade 8 school located off Route 9 in Aurora, Maine. Our size allows us to provide our students individual attention, while still offering many opportunities found at larger schools.

Please consider joining our Parents, Teachers, and Friends (PTF) organization. This group helps raise funds to enhance learning opportunities. Money from concessions and other activities provide art & music supplies, field trips, and special guests.

Parental Support and Homework

Homework gives students extra practice with topics that are taught in school. Establishing routines and taking responsibility are important life-long skills that should be practiced even at the younger grades. At this age level practicing math facts and reading daily are extremely important for a child's academic success.