

OUR SCHOOL DAY

The school day for students is 8:30 - 3:00 for the Primary School. Students are permitted to enter the building at 8:15.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

We have a computerized point of sale system in our cafeteria. You may pre-pay for breakfast & lunch by adding money to your child's account periodically. Students will then enter a PIN number when making a purchase.

Student Breakfast \$1.40* Milk 50¢

Reduced Breakfast 30¢

Student Lunch \$2.30* Milk 50¢

Reduced Student Lunch 40¢

*May change. Subject to Board approval.

PTO

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) serves as a collaborative and supportive part of our school community. Family programs, as well as, fundraisers are organized by the PTO throughout the school year. The PTO is a great way to become involved in your child's education!

CHARACTER COUNTS & OLWEUS BULLY PREVENTION

The six pillars of character are taught throughout the school year. We focus on one pillar per marking period. They are: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Citizenship, Fairness, and Trustworthiness. Additionally, a comprehensive approach to prevent incidents of bullying from occurring is supported by the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. This program is implemented throughout the entire school district.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The entrance requirements include: a birth certificate, two proofs of residency, and immunization against the following diseases: diphtheria, measles, polio, rubella, tetanus, hepatitis, and chicken pox.

Students transferring from another school district within Pennsylvania will have to authorize the release of pupil records from the school most recently attended.

All persons wishing to volunteer in the schools must have the proper clearances. These include a current tuberculosis examination, PA State Police Criminal History Record Certification, Federal FBI Criminal Background Certification, Child Abuse Certification and completion of Mandated Reporter of Child Abuse training. Please visit our website for more information.



LIMITLESS

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Welcome to Greencastle-Antrim Primary School

Children First



Our Mission:

To create and provide opportunities for all students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

Commitment - Respect - Integrity - Standards

CURRICULUM

Students will be introduced to literacy and math skills through whole group, small group, and individual instruction. Social studies and science topics are embedded within our core language arts program.

Our core reading program is *Wonders by McGraw Hill*. This program was built on the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and provides students with rich engaging literature and informational text. Reading instruction focuses on vocabulary, fluency and comprehension while providing access to complex texts and close reading experiences. This program also provides a strong foundation in phonemic awareness, phonics, high frequency words and spelling. We use *Units of Study in Opinion, Information and Narrative Writing* to provide students with extensive opportunities to write about topics they care about. This writing program uses a workshop approach and offers explicit and sequenced writing instruction. *Handwriting Without Tears* is used to teach proper letter formation and spacing. Additionally, our core math programs are *Everyday Mathematics 4* in kindergarten and *My Math* in first and second grades. Both programs are authored by McGraw Hill and built upon the Common Core State Standards. Our goal is to provide each student with a rigorous, personalized and engaging math experience that increases their math ability and confidence.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten expectations include: identifying capital and lowercase letters, blending and segmenting sounds within

words, developing knowledge of high frequency words, learning reading strategies to decode words, as well as comprehension skills, writing narrative, information and opinion pieces, spelling phonetically, understanding number sense, counting to 100 by 1's and 10's, identifying basic 2D and 3D shapes, and demonstrating understanding of adding and subtracting sets.

FIRST GRADE

First grade expectations include: recognizing letter and sound relationships, spelling patterns, extending knowledge of high frequency words, increasing reading fluency and comprehension when reading, writing informational, opinion, and narrative pieces, skip counting by 2's, 5's, 10's and 25's, developing problem-solving strategies, and adding and subtracting with increasing difficulty.

SECOND GRADE

Second grade expectations are comprised of: reading both silently and orally with understanding, extending knowledge of high frequency words, increasing reading fluency, continued formal instruction in conventional spelling, writing narrative, informational, opinion and poetry pieces, adding and subtracting two- and three-digit numbers with regrouping, the concept of multiplication as repeated addition, and building upon the foundations set in Kindergarten and First grade in the areas of counting money, geometry, telling time, measurement, and fractions.

SPECIALS

The primary school runs on a six-day cycle. Five of the six days, students will attend a special area class. For instance, if Friday is a day 2, then Monday will be a day 3.

Students will attend Computer, Music, Library, Wellness, and Art. These special area classes reinforce skills taught in the classroom, expand students' vocabulary, and allow students to think in a different, creative manner.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Students experiencing difficulties in reading may receive additional assistance from a reading specialist. Federal funds, through the Title I Program, are allocated at the Primary School to fund the Reading Recovery and Leveled Literacy Intervention programs. Students must qualify for these programs using indicators that meet the criteria established by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the US Office of Education.

Opportunities are also provided in the areas of gifted education for students meeting the specified criteria set forth by the state.

Additionally, Special education services are provided through Greencastle-Antrim School District, along with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit (LIU). Students must meet specific state guidelines to be recommended. These programs and services include: hearing impaired, visually impaired, autism, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, learning support, emotional support, and English as a second language.