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**SCHOOL VISION:** 100% of our students will be leaders of themselves and others through identifying a community problem, communicating effectively with stakeholders and presenting viable solutions in a Capstone project by 5th grade.

**SCHOOL MISSION:** Through adventure education students will be challenged academically to achieve excellence through cooperation and problem-solving skills in an environment that fosters risk-taking and mutual trust.

**DRESS CODE:** At Devonshire Alt. Elementary School we enforce the Columbus City School Board approved dress code policy.

**CURRICULUM:** At Devonshire we follow the state approved New Ohio Learning Standards; curriculum in language arts, math, science, & social studies. We integrate the subject areas and use cooperative and hands on activities to create an experiential learning experience for our students. Students have the opportunity to develop understanding and skills on lap top computers. Additionally, teachers and students have the opportunity to use LCD projectors, SMART Boards, Chrome Books & ELMO machines.

**READING PROGRAM:** Teachers at Devonshire uses the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Reading Program.

**LATCHKEY:** Available before and after school.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** Devonshire has a committed Parent Teacher Association with strong volunteer focus. Parent workshops are available along with parent volunteers for school activities and monthly parent involvement opportunities.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:** St Andrew Presbyterian Church, Ohio Health, Karl Road Baptist

**WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING:** Our whole school themes include challenge, risk, trust, cooperation and problem solving. Students work together, individually and cooperatively in groups. They are involved in “hands-on” types of activities- “learning by doing”- whether it be in the classroom, the gymnasium, or on field trips to surrounding parts of the community. Our focus is to teach students “how” to think, not “what” to think. Devonshire has a climbing wall in the school gymnasium. We are the proud recipients of the Gay Su Pinnell Education Foundation Grant. This grant will provide 150 thousand dollars in new level literacy books for our school.

**WHAT WE DO FOR FUN:** We climb our walls! Yes, Devonshire has an extensive Project Adventure focus school wide. Our gymnasium serves as the focal point. Students have unique opportunities to participate in climbing walls, zip lines, and trapeze jumps. All students get to go to ZipZone for further adventure education experiences in high ropes courses, initiatives and outdoor education. Additionally, all students get to go to Camp Wilson or Heartland for 2 nights of camping.

**ACTIVITIES:** Numerous virtual field trips, Project Adventure Activities (High Ropes & Initiatives) debate, Penny Harvest, SEED program, Girls on the Run & Chase ZooFari science program. Additionally, all students in grade K – 5 have the opportunity to attend overnight camp at Camp Wilson “Nature’s Classroom” or Heartland Outdoor Education Center. Many activities have been suspended due to the pandemic.

**ABOUT OUR STAFF:** More than 82 percent of the teachers have their master's degree and an average of 13 years of teaching experience. Three National Board Certified teachers are on staff.