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**ENROLLMENT:** Currently – 255 Students

**GRADES:** Pre-kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**DRESS CODE:** White, yellow, navy or light blue polo shirts, dress shirts. Navy blue or khaki pants, skirts, shorts or dresses.

**CURRICULUM:** We follow the Schmoker Instructional Framework. Teachers use formative assessments and monthly short cycle assessments to guide instructional practices and interventions to increase academic achievement of students. Teachers are trained extensively in various academic content areas. In addition to an emphasis on reading, phonics, and writing, we offer a strong curriculum, which includes math, science, social studies, health, art, music (vocal/instrumental) and physical education. Our curriculum is aligned with the Ohio Learning Standards. Technology skills using computers, Chromebooks and Smartboards are emphasized throughout content areas.

**READING PROGRAM:** The reading program is a balanced approach to literacy focused on the Ohio Learning Standards in all of our classrooms. Teachers use HMH Into Reading which is differentiated by design to offer a balanced approach to literacy instruction, support teachers in developing a culture of learning and growth. It help all learners believe in the power of "I can." Our teachers work together to ensure that our students master the rigors of the Ohio Learning Standards as we work to prepare them for College and Careers after high school graduation.

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:** Special education resource rooms are available for identified students. Children also have the opportunity to be involved in afterschool and Saturday tutoring, Gentlemen's Club, ladies' mentor group, robotics, Spelling Bee competition, student council, instrumental music, show choir, and other exciting activities. We have a teacher from the Gifted and Talented program that works on primary enrichment thinking with our Kindergarten through Second grade students.

**LATCHKEY:** Before and after-school child-care is available through the YMCA.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** Informal parent meetings and in-services focusing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Guarantee, the new Ohio State Test (OST) assessments, technology integration. Parental engagement opportunities and membership in the Parent-Teacher Organization provide parents with numerous opportunities to be involved at school.

**WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING:** Our students learn by engaging in hands on activities using cutting edge technology. They also utilize computers and smartboards in each classroom. As well as having access to a computer lab, each classroom is equipped with Chromebooks for each student, peer tutoring, audiovisual equipment, learning centers, small group instruction and other meaningful resources. We believe at Fairwood that a strong foundation leads to a high school graduation.

**WHAT WE DO FOR FUN:** Hands-on science and math activities, field trips tied to the curriculum, character building assemblies, and learning opportunities to appreciate the differences in each of us.

**WHERE WE ARE LOCATED:** In the central section of the city, between Livingston Avenue and Main Street, west of Nelson Road.

**ABOUT OUR STAFF:** Our staff represents a wide range of teaching experience. We have highly qualified teachers and staff. Many of our teachers have obtained their master's degree and are working on additional post-secondary courses and degrees. Teachers are continually engaged in workshops, on-going professional development, and in-services so that we can build a strong foundation for our students at Fairwood Alternative Elementary School.