



OLDE ORCHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Home of the Panda Pride

OUR VISION: *Our vision is to develop lifelong learners who are risk takers and feel empowered to explore beyond a textbook. We strive to develop critical thinkers and independent learners who have a passion for literacy and self-expression.*

CURRICULUM: Reading, math, English, science, social studies, health, art, music and physical education. Olde Orchard is a literature-based language arts alternative school program.

READING PROGRAM: Our school is using a Literacy focused approach as our framework for reading, supplemented with authentic enrichment literature.

LATCHKEY: Available before and after school

DRESS CODE: We are a uniforms school. Tops are white or blue with a collar and bottoms are khaki or navy blue.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: Vineyard Church provides reading tutoring to our students.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL OUTSTANDING: Eighty percent of our teachers are trained in literacy collaborative reading and writing program. We have a dynamic professional development program in reading instruction that allows our teaching staff to use cutting-edge strategies. We have nationally recognized authors and illustrators come each year to interact with our children for "Author Visit" day. All students participate in Penny Harvest, a year-long service learning project, where Olde Orchard has been a model of this program, appearing in newspaper and television interviews. Our intermediate students can interview to be a part of the live news teams.

WHAT WE DO FOR FUN: Artists in Schools hosts several groups that perform for our students throughout the year, whether it be African drumming, historical reenactments, or singing groups. Our PTO sponsors many activities such as Family Fun Run, literacy and poetry night, Father/Daughter & Mother/Son dances and parent information nights. Students take field trips to broaden their experiences. Students participate in Walking Club or games with Mrs. Gattshall on recess where they increase their fitness.

ACTIVITIES: Children participate in "Panda Pride" programs which rewards children making good choices and invites them to participate Monthly good citizen parties. We have ongoing presentations by well known authors and illustrators, as well as the Columbus Zoo and many other local organizations. Students also attend a play by a local high school. Students can participate in the Welcome Wagon, a team of intermediate students who welcome and lead new students in our school. Also, students can join Student Leadership Team that builds communication and leadership skills. Students may also join one of our musical groups: Choir, instrumental music, or strings, 5th grade girls can join ROXs program, 4th and 5th grade boys can be in the boys club. Finally, our 4th and 5th grade students can join the news team.

ABOUT OUR STAFF: We have 30 certified teachers and five instructional assistants on our staff. This includes two teachers on special assignment, three primary reading tutor, and one intermediate math tutor. specialists; art, music and physical education teachers; three special education teachers, one gifted teacher, school counselor, and teachers of Pre-K (special needs) through fifth grade..