



SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL MISSION: Celebrating diversity and learning in a safe supportive community.

READING PROGRAM: Salem Elementary implements a balanced approach literacy curriculum that is designed to improve reading, writing and language skills. Our students spend at least two hours a day reading and writing. We implement Leveled Literacy Intervention for students who are working towards meeting literacy standards from Kindergarten to Third Grade. Students at Salem are expected to read books and develop 21 Century Critical Thinking Skills. Each child at Salem gets to select a book to keep on his or her Birthday and students are to read for at least 30 minutes each day outside of school.

CURRICULUM: In addition to 120 minutes of Reading and Language Arts our students spend at least 60 minutes each day learning Mathematics, 30 minutes of Science, and 30 minutes Social Studies each day. Art, music and physical education and health are taught for 45 minutes once a week for all students. Salem students are assessed three times a year using Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress in order to provide individualize or small group instruction to measure the growth that students are making and to ensure that students meet their growth targets.

Technology: Salem has a computer lab, iPad cart, 3 Chrome Book cart, 30 I-touch devices, 13 smart boards, and each classroom has an ELMO and LCD projector. Our students spend time each week in the computer lab and can come to computer lab during the breakfast period

FUN STUDENT ACTIVITIES: Students are offered an opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including: Safety Patrol, band or string ensemble, choir, Fall Festival, Spring "Shark-Friendly," Career Day, Computer Club, field day, Kindergarten buddies, lunch helpers, Shark Squad/Peer Mediation, Compassion Challenge, Peace Walk, Salem University, Students Working to Advancing Technology, SWAT, and Bike to School Day. We have quarterly Shark Success Celebrations to highlight students who follow our school- wide SHARK and academic expectations.

ESL PROGRAMS: Salem offers two ESL programs one at the primary level and one at the intermediate level. The curriculum allows for the development and integration of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the classroom. ESL teachers and instructional assistants support students in the classroom and in small group instruction.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS: Salem has two multiple disability units and two high- incidents resources classrooms for students who have Individual Education Programs. Intervention specialists provide a wide range of supports to help student reach their individual goals in and outside of the homeroom.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Salem benefits from family involvement and a cadre of community volunteers. Family involvement includes: Annual Ice Cream Social, International Festival, SHARK Friendly, backpack give-away, Parent Teacher Conference, Fall Festival, and family curriculum night. Parents are always welcome at Salem. Parents can volunteer in classrooms and also parents may serve on various committees such as the Interview Team, Site Based Council and Field Day Committee.

SALEM SHARKS Are SUCCESSFUL: Students at Salem are expected to follow our school wide-expectations at all times. Salem SHARKS are **Safe, Hardworking, Attentive, Responsible, Kind and SUCCESSFUL. We are Salem Sharks!**