

Here is some information about our elementary “Special Classes” which include physical education, vocal and instrumental music, world language, art, library and computer education.

Physical Education:

Kindergarten students receive 1 half hour of P.E. per week.

1st – 6th grade receive 30 minutes of P.E. twice a week.

K – 3rd grade do not change clothes for P.E.

4th – 6th grade wear school approved shorts and T-shirts when attending gym. Regular school clothes are brought to school for students to change after gym class. Shorts and a t-shirt are available through our P.E. Department.

All students will bring a pair of athletic shoes to change into for P.E. and the shoes stay at school the whole year.

Instrumental and Vocal Music Education:

Kindergarten students receive 1 half hour of vocal music per week.

1st – 6th grade receive between 30 to 40 minutes of musical instruction twice a week.

4th grade play baroque recorders in preparation for band.

5th and 6th grade make a choice between vocal and instrumental music.

Three elementary choirs are offered for the student’s participation:

Academy Singers (4th grade boys and girls)

These boys and girls practice twice a week before school only.

Plymouth Proclaimers (5th and 6th grade boys and girls)

These boys and girls practice twice a week before school only.

World Language Education:

All students in kindergarten through sixth grade receive a total of 33 weeks of world language instruction per year. This gives every child 11 weeks of instruction in each of the following languages: German, Spanish, and French. The classes are exploratory in nature and are taught by elementary world language instructors who come to the classroom to teach the students.

Art Education:

All students in kindergarten receive 1 half hour of art education per week.

1st – 6th grade receive 30 to 50 minutes of art instruction depending on the grade.

Computer Education:

Students in kindergarten and 1st grade work on computers in their respective classrooms and visit the computer lab once a month. Students in 2nd through 6th grade have computer access in their rooms and also receive 30 minutes per week of computer education in the elementary computer lab. The students are working on skills ranging from keyboarding skills to developing power point presentations for their own class projects and developing smart board technology skills.

Library Skills

Kindergarten – 6th grade classes have scheduled library time.

3rd – 6th grade use the library for report units and finding information.

Use of the library, card catalog and research lessons are offered throughout the school year by the library staff.

Accelerated Reader (a computerized reading quiz program) is offered to students in kindergarten – 6th grade.