

SOCIAL STUDIES

- World Geography
- Map Skills
- PA History
- Federal, State and Local Government Structure
- Economics
- Taxes



DALLASTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

3rd GRADE CURRICULUM GUIDE

Our mission is to provide a safe, challenging, and relevant learning environment that inspires and creates pathways for student success.

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In the Dallastown Area School District, the curriculum for the elementary level has been developed to match the instruction and assessment procedures that are used in our integrated, mixed-ability classrooms. All three components—curriculum, assessment, and instruction—are continuously modified to provide classroom environments that better meet each student’s individual learning style and instructional level.

Our classroom instruction focuses on a process approach that provides students with opportunities for involvement in their own learning and a more hands-on, participatory environment. A strong and consistent staff development program that focuses on helping staff find effective instructional assessment strategies and techniques for improved student learning has supported the transition over the past decade towards these developmentally appropriate classrooms. As instruction and assessment has changed, so too has the written curriculum.

The intent of the elementary curriculum is to provide a written framework of instruction and assessment that is consistent for each elementary student in the total Dallastown Area School District. The curriculum is never finished, as it changes and evolves based on the needs of our students and our community.

LANGUAGE ARTS

- Reading Workshop
- Interactive read aloud
- Shared reading
- Guided reading
- Independent reading
- Writing Workshop
- Speaking and listening
- Word Study
- Use comprehension strategies
- Read independently
- Acquire expanded reading and speaking vocabulary
- Use text features and search tools to locate and interpret information
- Ask and answer questions about the text and make inferences
- Describe author point of view
- Compare and contrast key details from two texts on the same topic
- Produce developed and focused narrative, persuasive, and informative writing to convey ideas and information clearly
- Use prewriting, drafting, and editing strategies to communicate thoughts
- Demonstrate grade-appropriate use of English grammar (capitalization, punctuation, usage, spelling)

MATHEMATICS

- Round to the nearest 10 and 100
- Add and subtract four-digit numbers with regrouping
- Calculate total price of items and make change
- Multiply and divide
- Compare fractions and find equivalent fractions
- Measure lengths to the nearest quarter and half inch
- Create bar and line graphs
- Calculate perimeter and area
- Explore angles and classify polygons
- Problem solving

SCIENCE

- Life Science
 - How organisms live, grow and reproduce (life cycles)
 - How organisms interact with the environment
 - Fossils
 - Genetics
 - Heredity
- Weather and Climate
 - How the sun affects climate
 - Seasons
 - Weather patterns
 - Weather forecasting/predictions
 - Climates around the world
- Forces and Motion
 - Interactions between objects caused by force/motion
 - Gravity and how it affects objects
 - Pushes and pulls
 - friction