



Henry Ford School

Neighborhood School with Modified Year Round Calendar

Principal: Lynne Griffiths
2007-08 Enrollment: 475

Overview

Henry Ford is a K-5 school committed to meeting the needs of all students. We have a school wide focus on literacy and believe that the ability to read, write, and speak is the key to achievement in all pursuits. Our Language Arts program consists of full implementation of the California state mandated Houghton Mifflin reading program, supplemented by targeted small group instruction with leveled books. In addition, students needing extra support are placed in smaller group intervention that is standards based and tailored to their needs. Students needing English Language Development receive appropriate ELD instruction daily. Our mathematics program incorporates the use of basic skills and concepts in problem-solving situations. The social studies program provides students with opportunities to study various aspects of the world, past and present, to relate it to their own lives from a variety of resources both print and electronic. The science curriculum emphasizes the scientific-inquiry method with hands-on learning. Oral and written communication skills, with the support of technology, are stressed throughout all curricular areas.



STUDENT LITERACY OUTCOMES:

Students will demonstrate their ability to read, write, speak, and listen at or above grade level in all content areas which can be shown in a variety of ways.

Kindergarten – In kindergarten, students produce a number book using KidPix to write the number and to stamp the appropriate number of objects.

First Grade – By the end of first grade, students produce: An alphabet book using KidPix to write each letter; stamp or draw an appropriate object, and to write the word associated with the object.

Second Grade – In second grade, students learn about the stages of development of the butterfly. Students draw each stage and write a sentence with the appropriate terminology as researched from a variety of media (print and electronic).

Third Grade – In third grade, students learn about one planet in the solar system. Students use a variety of media (print and electronic) to talk, write about and research:

- The distance of the planet from the sun
- The atmosphere of the planet
- How many satellites a planet might have
- The rotation time around the sun and around its axis

Students will write a paragraph about each researched area and draw an illustration of their text.

Fourth Grade – In fourth grade, students learn about missions. In addition, students research:

- Junipero Serra
- The mission buildings
- A timeline of the mission's history
- Products the mission produced

Fifth Grade – In fifth grade, students complete a State Poster using internet based web sites. Students

research using a variety of media (print and electronic) facts and pictures (either scanned or from the Internet) about a state:

- State symbols – flag, bird, flower
- State geography – rivers, lakes, & mountains
- Famous person
- State economy

SPECIAL FEATURES OF HENRY FORD SCHOOL:

Technology - IMAC Lab with 28 IMAC DV Special Editions, 5 G4 and G3 Multimedia Stations student computers in the classrooms, Internet Access. Thirty minutes standards based activities in lab weekly.

Literacy - Reading Contract program, Circling Students are encouraged to read every night and they receive recognition at the end of the month.

Leveled grouping for reading 1 hour a day, for grades 1-5, five days a week. Targeted reading and ELD instruction in smaller groups.

"Whole Child" Activities Art in Action Program for kindergarten through fifth grade, Music Program for second through fourth grades, Music for Minors for kindergarten sponsored by the PTA. P.E. one time a week for half hour sessions sponsored by the PTA. After school Enrichment classes, Individual Garden space for each class, Service Learning Projects, Active Student government for grades third to fifth, Conflict Managers (4/5 graders selected, trained and use process at recess) School wide recycling.

Parent Involvement – Active PTA for Harvest Festival, Book Fairs, Movie Nights and other activities. Informative website for students and parents, School Site Council, English Learners Advisory Council.