

General Information

Essential Learning Outcomes

Fruitport Community Schools is committed to empowering ALL students to positively impact their world. To this end, teachers must collaborate around teaching and learning.

Every Wednesday the Fruitport Community supports teacher learning and professional development by having a 90 minute delayed start of school. During this time, all teachers are engaged in collaborating to identify the essential skills that every child must know and be able to demonstrate. The faculty develops benchmark assessments that indicate the level of proficiency. Then, the faculty decides how to extend the learning for students who have mastered the skill, and how to reteach a skill that has not been mastered.

This brochure is a compilation of the essential skills your child will learn this school year in the core subject areas. Your child will learn much more, yet these are the skills identified by our faculty as being essential to becoming proficient in their education and in life.

We thank our community for the support of our professional learning time on Wednesday mornings!

- **Elementary Student and Parent Handbook:** The Student and Parent Handbook is located on the fruitportschools.net website and on each Elementary Building Page (at the bottom of the page). Please access and read our elementary policies and procedures.
- **Procedures for Questions and Concerns regarding School:** If concerns or questions arise, please contact your child's teacher immediately by e-mailing them (teacher's first initial and last name@fruitportschools.net) or by calling the school's phone number on the front of this brochure. If your concerns or questions persist, please call or e-mail the building principal.
- **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times of Students:**
For Beach and Shettler: Please make plans to drop your child off after 8:10 a.m., but before 8:25 a.m. and plan on picking your child up promptly after school dismisses at 3:37 p.m.
For Edgewood: Please make plans to drop your child off after 8:15 a.m., but before 8:30 a.m. and plan on picking your child up promptly after school dismisses at 3:42 p.m. *Please note the parking lots are busy and dangerous. For student safety, look twice, drive slow and do not double park or use the bus drive.*
- **Visitor Safety:** When entering the school, all visitors, including parents, should go directly to the office to sign in and receive a visitor badge. Classroom visits must be prearranged.
- **Attendance:** Parents play an influential role in the education of their children; they are the key to regular school attendance. There is a very strong correlation between student attendance and success. Realizing childhood illnesses are expected, school personnel ask you keep your child home until at least 24 hours after vomiting or a fever has broken naturally (without fever reducing medicines). Please call and excuse your child when he/she is ill. Truancy letters may begin with five absences.
- **Positive Behavior Supports:** Fruitport Community Schools faculty has high expectations for kind, responsible and respectful behavior. We approach discipline in a positive manner. You can expect your child to tell you about their coupons for positive behavior.

Kindergarten Curriculum Fruitport Community Schools

Beach Elementary 231.773.8996
Edgewood Elementary 231.865.3171
Shettler Elementary 231.737.7595



Starting Time:

8:25 a.m. - Beach and Shettler
8:30 a.m. - Edgewood

Dismissal Time:

Full Days

3:37 p.m. - Beach and Shettler
3:42 p.m. - Edgewood

Half Days

12:00 p.m. - Beach and Shettler
12:05 p.m. - Edgewood

Delayed Start Wednesday Starting Time

(for teacher collaboration and planning):

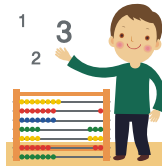
9:55 a.m. - Beach and Shettler
10:00 a.m. - Edgewood

Information available on our website
www.fruitportschools.net

Kindergarten Math Essential Learnings

- Students will solve addition and subtraction word problems, and add and subtract within 10 (e.g. by using objects or drawings to represent the problem).
- Students will fluently add and subtract within 5.
- Students will compose and decompose numbers from 11 to 19 into ten ones and some further ones by using objects or drawings, and record each composition or decomposition by a drawing or equations (e.g. $18 = 10 + 8$); understand that these numbers are composed of ten ones and one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, or nine ones.
- Students will count forward beginning from a given number within the known sequence (instead of having to begin at 1).
- Students will count backwards within 20.

Kindergarten Science Essential Learnings



- Students will identify a push and a pull.
- Students will identify living and non-living things.
- Students will understand the Earth is made of rock, soil, sand, and water.

Kindergarten Reading Essential Learnings

- Students will be able to know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills when decoding words. Students will be able to use letter(s) sounds to sound out familiar words.
- Students will be able to identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts (characters, events, ideas, piece of information) on the same topic with prompting and support from an adult.
- Students will be able to actively engage in group reading activities with purpose and understanding.

Kindergarten Writing Essential Learnings



- Students will be able to write complete sentences beginning with a capital letter, ending with punctuation mark, and using spaces between words.
- Students will use a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to write these three pieces of writing
 - * Narrative - Student can write single event or loosely linked events to tell the order in which they occurred and provide a reaction to what happened.
 - * Opinion - Student will write an opinion about a topic (or book) by stating an opinion or preference about the topic.
 - * Informational - Student will write about a topic and supply some information about the topic.

Kindergarten Social Studies Essential Learnings

- Students will identify needs and wants
- Students will answer questions using positional words (above, below, beside, in front of, behind, next to, ...)



Fine Arts and Physical Education Programs

Fruitport Community Schools' students enjoy and learn a great deal in music, art and physical education classes that are offered weekly.

- In physical education, students will understand and practice the proper form of various exercises, loco-motor skills and nonloco-motor skills throughout the year. They will understand and recognize the benefit of exercise movement and how important it is to living a long, healthy lifestyle.
- Music foundation is taught throughout the year. Students in K-2nd participate in a demonstration of learning in December.
- Students are engaged in learning art fundamentals as they produce beautiful pieces of art. Students participate in art celebrations at the county level as well as a Fine Arts celebration for families in the spring. Fruitport Schools supports the whole child through fine arts.