

**Connecticut Farms Elementary School
Curricular Activities**

MUSIC, THE ARTS, THE LIBRARY, COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Music and Fine Arts are taught as special subject areas. In grade two, general music class, students receive instruction on the soprano recorder, a wind instrument with a history dating back to the Renaissance. Band, orchestra, chorus and group instrument lessons are offered in grades three and four. Twice yearly, the band, orchestra and chorus perform at assemblies and evening programs.

The school library is an important adjunct to the academic program and serves as an important resource. Students are taught to access this tool and regular participation is encouraged.

Instruction in computers is provided to students in grades K-4. Our lab features a Windows 98 format with grade level appropriate software on a local area network with Internet access. Classes meet weekly and offer a variety of learning experiences.

The Spring Arts Festival features both music and fine arts presentations at Connecticut Farms School.

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

The full day kindergarten offers many advantages to that of a typical half-day program. More time is available to serve individual needs of the children and provide opportunity for children to engage in a greater variety of developmentally appropriate activities. Other opportunities include art, vocal music, physical education and computers.

LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION

The Open Court Language Program provides our grade K and one students with strong phonetic skills that enable them to successfully decode new and unfamiliar words. In grades 2, 3, and 4, the New Dimensions in the World of Reading series offers a literature based approach that increases student awareness and appreciation of many kinds of literature. A writing portfolio is maintained for each student in grades K through four.

P.A.C. (PUPIL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE)

This committee is comprised of representatives of the administration and professional staff. It serves to discuss strategies and design programs to aid children who may require assistance in behavioral and academic areas.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Our school's PTA is very active and works diligently on behalf of the children and school community. The PTA operates in conjunction with the smooth functioning of the school and enhances the overall instructional program. As a result of their efforts, we have many special assembly programs and purchase materials that supplement the instructional program. In addition, the PTA sponsors a host of fun filled family oriented activities including the School Fair, Family Fun Night, the Holiday Show, the Arts Festival and the Book Swap.

PRESCHOOL/HEAD START PROGRAM

The preschool program provides a half-day of instruction and socialization. Children learn many skills and begin to build an academic foundation that contributes to future success in school. The Head Start program is provided to children who meet federal eligibility standards and provides a host of carefully designed services.

SUPPORTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

A.A.P. (Academic Achievement Program), Speech, ESL (English as a Second Language), G & T (Gifted and Talented), and special education programs and services are available for those students who meet the established eligibility criteria.

Our A.A.P. features a networked computer lab with the latest multimedia local area network Windows 98 system, age appropriate software, and Internet access. The software is designed to allow students to work at their own pace and level in a variety of learning areas and media.