

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!

General Information

- **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.

Third Grade 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

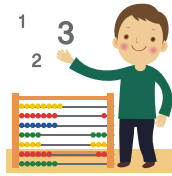
(for teacher collaboration and planning):

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

Information available on our website
www.fruitportschools.net

Third Grade Math Essential Learnings

- Students will understand, represent, and solve problems involving multiplication and division within 100.
- Students will develop an understanding of fractions as numbers.
- Students will understand, represent and solve problems using geometric measurement and data.
- Students will reason with geometric shapes and their attributes.



Third Grade Science Essential Learnings

- Students will understand concepts related to force and motion.
- Students will understand concepts related to light and sound.
- Students will understand concepts related to the organization of living things.
- Students will understand concepts related to earth systems.

Third Grade Reading Essential Learnings

- Students will be able to read text fluently at grade level and show comprehension through voice, timing, and expression with a variety of texts.
- Students will use word analysis strategies to decode and comprehend the meaning of multi-syllable words.
- Students will be able to read, comprehend, and compare literary and informational texts independently and proficiently.



Third Grade Writing Essential Learnings

- Students will write an organized, sequenced piece with details that clearly communicate their ideas to the reader.
- Students will plan, revise, and edit to develop and strengthen their writing.
- Students will demonstrate command of grade-appropriate grammar including an understanding of:
 - * Nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs
 - * Conjunctions
 - * Simple, compound, and complex sentences

Third Grade Social Studies Essential Learnings

- Students will understand the history of Michigan through statehood.
- Students will understand concepts related to the geography of Michigan.
- Students will understand how human activity helped shape Michigan.
- Students will understand the structure of state government in Michigan.
- Students will understand concepts related to Michigan's economy.



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 participate in Fitness Grams and the students' physical fitness improvement is monitored. An All-School Field Day at the end of the year, celebrates physical fitness and great behavior.
- Music foundation is taught throughout the year. Students in 3rd-5th participate in a demonstration of learning in the spring
- 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.