

## 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](http://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.

## First 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

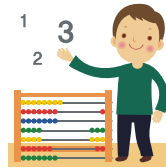
*(for teacher collaboration and planning):*

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

Information available on our website  
[www.fruitportschools.net](http://www.fruitportschools.net)

## First Grade Math Essential Learnings

- Students will be able to count forward and backward to 120 by starting at any number less than 120. They will be able to read, write, and represent with written numerals 1-120.
- Students will be able to use addition and subtraction, within 20, to solve word problems.
- Students will be able to fluently add and subtract within ten.
- Appropriate strategies include adding on and counting back.
- Students will be able to use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.



## First Grade Science Essential Learnings

- Students will understand concepts related to solids and liquids.
- Students will understand concepts related to magnets.
- Students will understand the life cycle and characteristics of animals.
- Students will understand concepts related to the weather.
- Students will understand concepts related to the four seasons.

## First Grade Reading Essential Learnings

- Students will read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.
- Students will retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.
- Students will demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds.



## First Grade Writing Essential Learnings

- Students will write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.
- Students will write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.
- Students will write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.
- Students will be able to develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach. (including knowing how to write a complete sentence with punctuation and capitalization, focus on a topic and respond to a question).

## First Grade Social Studies Essential Learnings

- Students will understand concepts related to families and schools.
- Students will understand how families meet basic needs and wants.
- Students will understand why we study the past.
- Students will understand what makes a good citizen.



## 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-2<sup>nd</sup> 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.