

Jefferson Facts

Jefferson Elementary School is the Attendance Center for all 2nd and 3rd grade students that reside in the Dixon Public School District 170. The initial building was built in 1952 and has undergone an extensive remodeling project in 2010. There are approximately 420 students in attendance at Jefferson where class sizes remain lower than some surrounding school districts. Average class size at Jefferson is approximately 26 pupils per classroom.

The entire certified staff at Jefferson is recognized as Highly Qualified Teachers by the Illinois State Board of Education. 77% of the certified staff members have achieved a Masters Degree or higher.

Students benefit from a rigorous daily schedule of English-Language Arts and Mathematics instruction. There are built in opportunities for our students to receive enrichment or remediation during the school day. Jefferson School provides intensive targeted intervention for our students which may be provided by our Title 1 Reading Specialist, the student's classroom teacher, Special Education teacher or another highly trained staff member.

Jefferson School is a Professional Learning Community that believes that all students can learn. The Jefferson faculty continuously identify what is essential for all students to know. We assess student learning at regular intervals to assure that milestones are met. Students that have not learned our essentials will receive help from a variety of resources so that they may become proficient in these skills. Students that demonstrate that they are proficient at the essential skills will be provided with more enriching tasks in order to extend their learning.

AIMs Web Assessments

Aims Web testing occurs during the fall, winter, and spring. This is an opportunity for our teachers to see individual student data in the areas of: Reading Fluency/Comprehension and Math Fluency/Applications. We then use another component of the AIMS Web to monitor student progress towards the development of the aforementioned skills.

PARCC – The Partners for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers: Computer based assessments are given at 3rd grade in the spring in the areas of English-Language Arts and Mathematics. This assessment replaces the ISAT.

Core Academics

Mathematics, English-Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies



Accelerated Classrooms

Qualified students can be placed in the 3rd Grade Accelerated classroom for both Mathematics and English- Language Arts. Students that qualify for either Mathematics or English-Language Arts will attend the Accelerated classroom in their qualifying area. Students qualify for the accelerated program by demonstrating strong academic skills on benchmark tests and standardized tests, and are recommended by a teacher.

Physical Education/Wellness

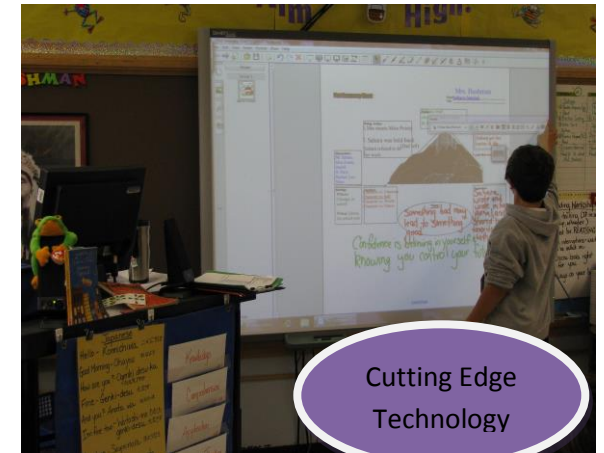
40 minutes daily

Music

30 minutes twice a week

VIVA Performing Arts

This grant funded organization provides Violin lessons to all 3rd grade students using the Suzuki method.





Veterans Day Celebration

PBIS

Jefferson Elementary School utilizes Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Effective classroom management and preventive school discipline are essential for supporting teaching and learning. PBIS goes further by emphasizing that classroom management and preventive school discipline must be taught in order to maximize success for all students. Our staff will instruct students in school-wide and classroom expectations throughout the school-year. Students will be rewarded for demonstrating positive behaviors in the form of Bee Bucks, drawings, and celebrations.



Jefferson Expectations

BEE Ready

1. **Be on Time**
2. **Stay on task**
3. **Listen/Follow directions**
4. **Materials ready**
5. **Appropriate voice**

BEE Safe

1. **Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself. (KYHFOOTY)**
2. **Neat work area**
3. **Walk**
4. **Sit on your bottom**
5. **All 4 feet of the chair on the floor**

BEE Kind

1. **Complete work neatly**
2. **Be considerate**
3. **Be a good friend**
4. **Be honest**
5. **Do your best**

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Second Grade
Third Grade



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