

Welcome to 4th Grade!



Reading

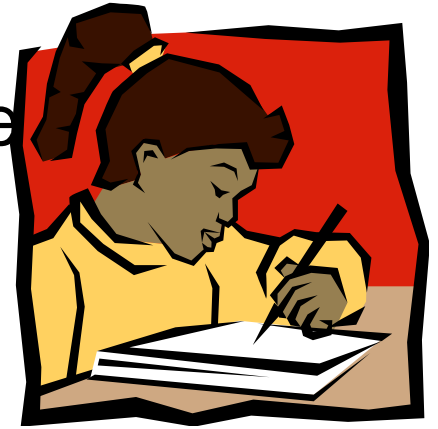
- Implementing Iowa Common Core standards (lessons and assessments), to ensure ALL students are engaged at high levels in a rigorous and robust curriculum
- Elements of Balanced Literacy
- Guided Reading (skill specific)
- Shared Reading
- Fiction and Non-fiction
- Independent (self selected)
- Read Aloud
- Homework District Expectation: 20-30 minutes every night



Writing

New Writing Curriculum: Being a Writer

- Thirty minutes of dedicated writing time daily
- Integrated throughout subject areas
- Writing Process
- ELA Units
- Common Core Forms of Writing
 - Personal Narrative
 - Opinion Pieces
 - Informative/Explanatory Texts
- Integration of grammar and editing skills



Spelling Matters!

From 2nd – 6th grade, children will grow in awareness of word sounds (phonological awareness), knowledge of spelling patterns in words (orthographic knowledge), knowledge of word origin (etymological knowledge), and the understanding of relationships among base words and their derivational forms (morphological awareness).

The goal of our spelling instruction is to help children become better spellers, as well as more fluent readers and writers!



Spelling

- Individual list - 30 weeks
- Focus on spelling patterns and language skills
- Spelling Routines
- WINK words
- Begin week of

Math



- *Everyday Mathematics*
 - Unit letter
 - Various Assessments
 - Student Reference Book (available online)
 - Online component with updated curriculum
- ST Math – online problem solving
- Basic Facts – 95%
 - Addition, subtraction, & multiplication - 5 minutes
 - Division – 6 minutes
- Homework: Home links and basic facts practice

Social Studies

- *Social Studies Alive*
- Focus on regions of United States
- Learn states and capitals
- Landforms, resources, economy, map skills
- Junior Achievement – *BizTown* in spring



Expectations

- Sign the student's planner each night when digital and/or print assignments are completed
- Practice multiplication and division basic facts through 10
- Practice words for Spelling tests
- Study for chapter Math, Science and Social Studies tests

District Assessments

- MAP
 - Fall and Spring (reading and math)
- Iowa Assessments
 - Wednesday, November 2- Tuesday, November 8
- Reading running records weekly or monthly
- FAST Assessments (3 times a year)

Field Trips

- Symphony Day
- Biz Town – May
 - Interview Fair
 - Day trip to Biz Town

Technology

- Keyboarding Program - Ultra Key
- Research
- Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and Google Docs
- Use of Mimio and Student Response System
- iPads

School Library Program Mission Statement

- *The mission of the Pleasant Valley school library program is to provide an inviting, dynamic learning environment and services that support and enhance teaching, literacy, learning and the appreciation and enjoyment of literature.*



Physical Education 4-6

2 Days a week for 40 minutes

P.E. Concepts:

1. Cardiovascular activities
2. Team Games
3. Hand-eye coordination
4. Fitness Skills/assessment
5. Challenge/Cooperative activities
6. Monthly Healthy Habits

Calendar



PE shoes and clothes to be left in gym locker!

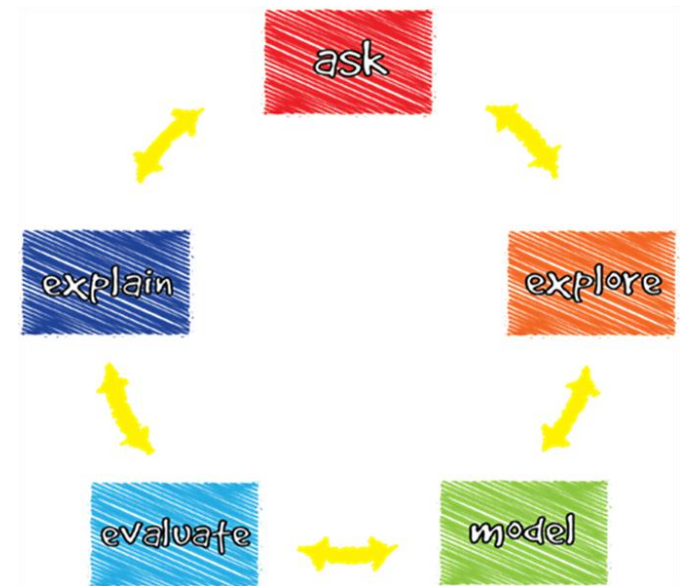


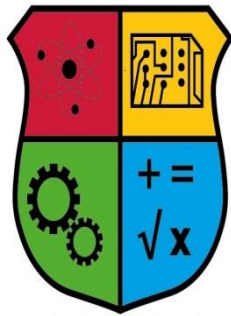
Science Curriculum- PLTW Launch

PLTW Launch is a curriculum designed to tap into student's exploratory nature, engage them in learning that feels like play, and encourage them to keep discovering – now and for years to come. Visit your building science specialist for more information.

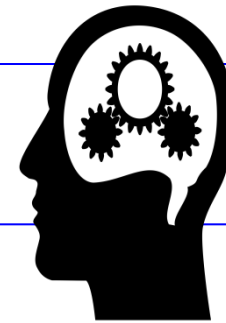
Modules Include:

- *Energy: Collisions*
- *Energy: Conversions*
- *Input/Output: Computer Systems*
- *Input/Output: Human Brain*





ELP



The mission of the gifted and talented program in Pleasant Valley is to provide services to meet gifted and talented students' needs through the investigation of authentic problems that require them to analyze, evaluate and create new ideas and solutions that extend and transfer their learning.

- Students who participate in ELP vary from year to year based upon demonstrated academic need.
- Students may be served in a large group, small group or individual setting with emphasis on the needs of the students and the best delivery method.
- Students may receive extensions from the classroom teacher, specialist, or Extended Learning teacher depending on the opportunities available and the best format for learning.

For more information please visit the parent home page on the PV website or contact the ELP teacher at your school.

Counselor' s Name
School Counselor

Helping students develop academic, career, and personal/social skills

- *Collaborates with teachers, parents, and others to help all students build 21st Century Skills.*
- *Teaches lessons in every classroom on topics such as friendship, conflict resolution, decision-making, and careers.*
- *Provides individual and group counseling & leadership opportunities.*
- *Advocates for children.*

Art

Mission Statement: The purpose of the elementary art program at Pleasant Valley is to give students the tools they need in order to understand, create and interact with art in our world.

- **Students spend 40 minutes in art weekly.** During that time students will experiment with a variety of materials and artistic processes.
- **The art curriculum is based on the National Art standards and benchmarks.** The standards are all covered within 4 units of study.
- **Art in your World:** Focuses on art application found in everyday life as well as vocational art
- **Seeing and Creating:** Learning about the elements and principles of art, such as shape, color, line, balance and texture as well as others.
- **Art Heritage:** Focuses on historical artists and art movements
- **Storytelling:** Focuses on how art can tell both personal and cultural stories

Fourth Grade General Music

Vocabulary

- Concertmaster
 - Composer
 - Conductor
 - Orchestra
 - Patriotic

Major Units

- Patriotic Songs:
Star Spangled Banner
 - Rhythms
 - Form
- Winter Program
- The Symphony
 - Composers

Questions?