

## Health / Physical Education

A well-planned program in physical education strives to get children to become more active throughout their lives. The curriculum provides fundamental knowledge and skills for total wellness:

- Organized recreational activities in sequential progression
- Instructor's positive approach to fitness
- Allows for everyone to be successful
- Leads students to positive, healthy behaviors for total well-being

## Technology

Students in the elementary grades develop basic skills in technology by using computers to attain the core curriculum content standards.

Students are provided with opportunities, both in the classroom and with a computer lab teacher, to utilize computers for keyboarding, research and educational applications.

Students work with basic programs to create text documents and add images. They create multimedia presentations and use the Internet for research on projects.

## School Counseling

- Individual and group counseling
- Classroom lessons
- Character education: the Giraffe Hero Program
- Drug and alcohol awareness
- Peer mediation
- Referral services
- Coordination of community service projects
- Parenting programs
- Family fun nights
- Career awareness
- Academic advisement
- Home visitation
- Transition visits to new schools



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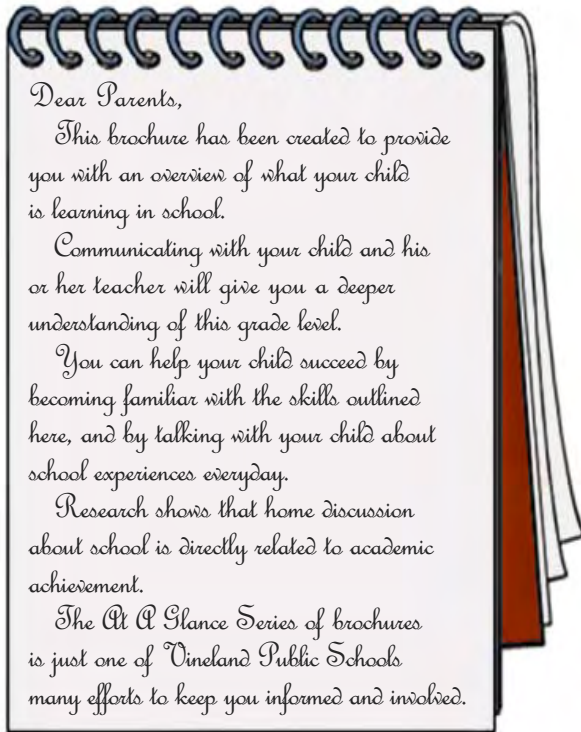
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**At a  
Glance**

**GRADE 2**

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Dear Parents,

This brochure has been created to provide you with an overview of what your child is learning in school.

Communicating with your child and his or her teacher will give you a deeper understanding of this grade level.

You can help your child succeed by becoming familiar with the skills outlined here, and by talking with your child about school experiences everyday.

Research shows that home discussion about school is directly related to academic achievement.

The At A Glance Series of brochures is just one of Vineland Public Schools many efforts to keep you informed and involved.

## Language Arts

- Knows the components of a book
- Knows basic sight words
- Applies strategies to determine unknown words
- Reads with fluency, understanding and expression
- Develops higher level comprehension skills
- Shows interest in independent reading
- Writes complete sentences
- Develops a story in writing
- Uses appropriate punctuation and capitalization
- Expresses ideas well in writing
- Publishes writing samples
- Uses strategies to spell words
- Spells correctly in written work

## Math

- Add and subtract basic facts to 18
- Add 2 digit numbers without regrouping
- Count by 2's, 5's, 10's
- Place value to the hundreds
- Round to the nearest tens place
- Identify geometric solids and lines of symmetry
- Interpret data from pictographs and bar graphs
- Measure and estimate using customary units
- Find the probability of a simple event
- Time to the nearest five minute interval
- Elapsed time to the nearest hour
- Solve appropriate grade level problem solving tasks

## Science

- Participate in hands-on science activities
- Identify observable properties of matter
- Recognize components of a system
- Generate questions about the world around them
- Record science findings in a journal
- Describe the life cycles of organisms
- Create a simple scheme for grouping organisms
- Observe matter using magnification

## Social Studies

- People All Around: introduces the concept of groups
- Earth Our Home: a geography unit
- A Working World: introduces economics concepts
- We The People: develops appreciation for the democratic process
- Discovering Our Past: presents an account of American history from discovery through the movement West

## Visual Arts

- Develop art skills and safe use of art media
- Use art techniques
- Use art tools safely
- Demonstrate understanding of line, geometric shapes, symmetry, basic structure, positive-negative space, color, texture, proportion, pattern, and art careers
- Develop aesthetic awareness, architectural components, solutions to design problems, and evaluation skills
- Participate in exhibiting art
- Express imagination, creativity, and originality
- Recognize art from various cultures and historical periods

## World Language

The World Language Program offers Spanish as a second language to every elementary student from kindergarten to fifth grade. Instruction occurs every six days and it is provided by a language specialist.

## Library / Media Skills

- Students understand the organizational structure of the media center
- Recognize a book's parts
- Appreciate literature through listening and discussing folk and fairy tales
- Show an awareness of authors and illustrators