

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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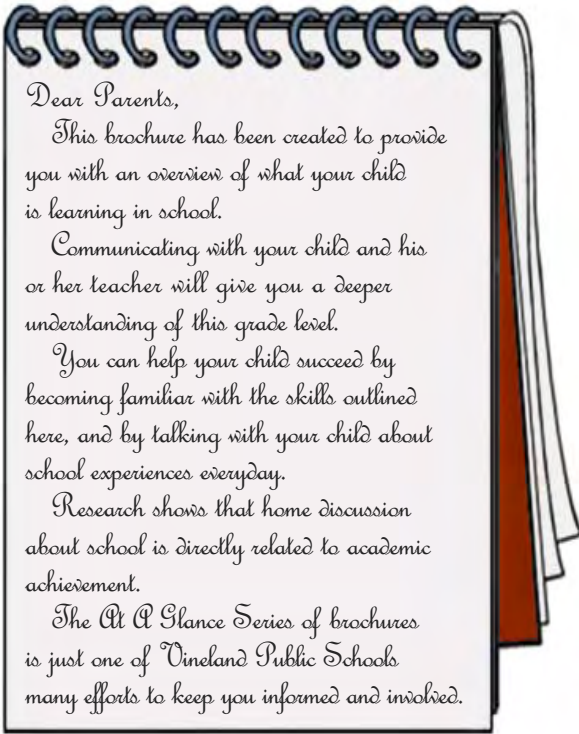
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GRADE 5

**At a
Glance**



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

- Use spelling strategies to decode multi-syllabic words
- Understand and use multiple meanings of words
- Read full length books
- Develop higher level comprehension skills
- Identify plot, setting, character, and dialogue to gain meaning
- Appreciate a variety of literary forms
- Identify literary elements
- Demonstrate the writing process
- Demonstrate varied forms of writing
- Take organized notes while reading or listening
- Use correct grammar and mechanics in writing
- Demonstrate effective viewing, listening, and speaking skills
- Establish effective study skills

Math

- Read and write numbers through billions
- Compare and order whole numbers and decimals
- Round whole numbers and decimals
- Multiply and divide whole numbers
- Apply rules for divisibility
- Find the simplest form of a fraction
- Classify triangles and quadrilaterals
- Find mean, median, mode of data
- Solve problem solving tasks (routine and non-routine)
- Work with customary and metric units of measurement

Science

- Use inquiry strategies to study new concepts
- Recognize components of a system
- Generate questions about the world
- Record science findings in a journal
- Explore concepts in each of the three major areas of science: physical, life and earth
- Engage in creative thinking and problem solving skills to build working models
- Illustrate how forces of nature shape the earth's surface
- Practice the science of cartography
- Work with organisms to discover concepts of survival
- Learn that living things are dependent on the conditions of its environment

Social Studies

Our Country: The United States

The regional geography of the United States and United States history from the colonial period through the western expansion of the United States is studied.

Visual Arts

- Use varied art media in compositions
- Demonstrate knowledge of drawing and painting techniques and incorporate basic art elements
- Incorporate principles of design in work and in problem solving
- Use art tools safely
- Recognize influence of famous artists 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.