



"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."





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Kindergarten is social! Make new friends Build language skills Learn to follow directions Share with others Becoming a leader





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Alabama Course of Study English Language Arts

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2021 Alabama Course of Study: English Language Arts

STANDARDS

The Alabama Course of Study: English Language Arts is composed of learning standards that define what learners should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level.



Alabama Literacy Act



The Alabama legislature passed the Alabama Literacy Act in 2019. The Alabama Literacy Act was established to ensure students are able to read at or above grade level by the end of the 3rd grade. The Alabama Literacy Act outlines steps to improve the reading proficiency of each student in Kindergarten through Grade 3. The law states that all 3rd grade students shall demonstrate sufficient reading skills for promotion to 4th grade.

The Alabama Literacy Act ensures scientifically-based reading instruction and multisensory language instruction in the following areas:

- Oral language development
- Phonological awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency

- Writing
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

Layers of Support



There are many layers of support provided to students who are struggling to meet grade level expectations.













Pathway to Promotion Grade Level Ready Performance Outcomes

Third graders will be promoted to fourth grade if they demonstrate sufficient reading skills through one of the following pathways:



Score above the lowest achievement level for the ACAP in the spring



Earn an acceptable score for the ACAP Supplemental Assessment



Master grade 3 Essential Reading Standards in the Student Reading Portfolio



Meet one of the Good Cause Exemptions

Wide range of abilities Whole group and small group instruction Literacy Stations

ELA Highlights-Curriculum

95 Percent Phonics Program



Assessments

- Weekly spelling and dictation assessments that measure application of the phonics skill taught
- Summative assessments are given on review weeks. The summative assessment is used to determine if students have mastered the critical skills within the unit lessons.

The 95 Percent Phonics program will be used to teach phonics and word study in K-5. 95 Percent Phonics is evidence-based phonics instruction grounded in the science of reading. 95 Percent phonics builds critical phonics skills through explicit instruction to develop strong readers, K-5. 95 Percent is an approved supplemental program.



ELA Highlights-Curriculum



Open Court Reading is an approved comprehensive reading program that teaches critical comprehension strategies and integrates close reading strategies into learning so that students can apply them to new text. Vocabulary practice throughout each lesson provides opportunities for students to discuss definitions and better understand the meanings of new words. In addition to learning composition skills—prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing—students learn skills like handwriting, sentence construction, grammar, usage, and mechanics.

Assessments

 Regularly scheduled assessments are given to assess the focus standards taught throughout each unit.

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INDEPENDENT READING PLAN

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K-5 is committed to a set aside independent reading time where students are actively reading each day. Teachers are conferencing with students in order to gauge comprehension and gain insight into student interests and reading abilities. Each grade level has a system in place for student engagement in reading.

- A book number goal will be given to all students.
- Students will be given an incentive for reaching their at home reading goal after each 9 weeks.
- The class will be given an incentive for reaching their at school reading goal after each 9 weeks.

DIBELS mClass- Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. DIBELS will be tested 3 times a year. (August, December, May) A teacher will test your child.

- Letter Naming Fluency
- Phoneme Segmentation Fluency This is an auditory test.
- Nonsense Word Fluency Correct Letter Sounds and Words Recoded Correctly
- Word Reading Fluency

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PSF	5	29	44
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Practice Sheets: Word Lists, Phonemic Awareness Skills, Sight Words

Practice Folders will start second semester.

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Listen to your child count backwards from Make this AAB pattern for your child: 10 each day. Did your child count hop, hop, clap, hop, hop, clap. accurately and automatically? If not, write Have your child repeat and extend the how far they counted before making an pattern. error. Make this ABC pattern for your child: hop, clap, snap, hop, clap, snap Monday: Yes No ____ Have your child repeat and extend the Tuesday: Yes No ____ pattern. Wednesday: Yes No Thursday: Yes No Ask your child to make an ABC pattern. After ____ you listen to it, join in with your child. Yes No Friday:

Color the counters red and yellow. Then complete the number bond two different



Count the parts and the whole for the group. Then, complete the number bond.

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MATH HIGHLIGHTS What?



Standards

Each content standard in the 2019 Alabama Mathematics Course of Study contains the minimum required content and defines what students should know and be able to do at the conclusion of a course or grade. The course of study does not dictate curriculum, teaching methods or sequence.

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Alabama Numeracy Act

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The 2022 Alabama Numeracy Act is the state's comprehensive plan to improve mathematics proficiency of public school students in grades K-5 and ensure that those students are proficient in mathematics by the end of the fifth grade and to support for all students and teachers.

MATH HIGHLIGHTS How?

State Approved Big Ideas Curriculum





Math Workshop Model for Instruction

balance of whole group & small group instruction and teacher directed & student centered learning

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Fluency Plan Running Records



A variety of weekly, chapter, and unit assessments are given to monitor student progress as well as guide instruction for each concept.

SCIENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Alabama Course of Study: Science



The 2023 Alabama Course of Study: Science provides foundational knowledge and learning progressions that are coherent, vertically aligned, and increasingly rigorous. The standards are designed to prepare scientifically literate citizens who can evaluate the quality of science information, appreciate science as a way of knowing about the world, and make sound, evidence-based decisions.



AMSTI Science units will be paired with the adopted StemScopes resources to provide Science instruction and hands-on learning experiences across all grade level.



Students learn by doing and experience science concepts using STEMscopes resources. STEMscopes is an approved textbook.



SOCIAL STUDIES HIGHLIGHTS STANDARDS



The Social Studies standards describe the required knowledge and skills of economics, geography, history, and civics and government that students are expected to know and be able to do at a particular grade level. All strands are included in every grade; however, one strand may be given more emphasis at one or more grade levels.



Oftentimes, social studies topics are integrated in other subject-area discussions, especially in grades K-3.



Studies Weekly is a state-approved resource used by teachers to implement the Social Studies Course of Study into the daily instructional program.



DIGITAL LITERACY / COMPUTER SCIENCE





All students in grades K-5 receive instruction focused on computational thinking, computer science, and digital literacy.

These lessons are embedded into the classroom curriculum, and also addressed in the media center and during STEM class.

How?

Click this image for tips to build responsible digital citizens at home, or visit bit.ly/mcsdigitalparents

Build Strong Digital Citizens

Why? We live in a digital world. Click here to find out more!





Media Balance Privacy and Security **Digital Footprint**

What?

This is a screen sharing platform that allows our teachers to monitor students' screens at school.

Through GoGuardian, teachers can provide instant access to resources, communicate and connect easily with students, and assist students in maintaining focus on their activity.





At Home?

Teachers are unable to provide any type of monitoring of student devices outside of school hours.

We all know that our students need time to socialize and participate in off-screen activities daily. We suggest setting a household guideline and turning off/charging devices at a given time each night.

DIGITAL ACCESS AT HOME

Helpful Resources

Clever Dashboard

- Students can access and sign into their district platforms
- Access links shared by classroom teacher
- Access additional resources from the district such as coding activities and the virtual math library at any time

Problem with your device?

• Complete a help desk ticket by selecting Incident IQ from MCS Bookmarks

Elementary Parent Site

You can find helpful tutorials for all of our tech resources and platforms as well as suggestions for great online learning activities on our Elementary Parent Site.

Programs Boo MCS Bookmarks ACAP Sandbox All of the helpful resources ALSDE PD can be found in your child's BookTracks MCS Bookmarks, which is С Clever located at the top left of their **Elementary Instructions** chrome browser window. 3 Ellevation Incident IQ Tickets 0 iNow Madison City Schools 0 Math 180 Read 180 0 Renaissance Place 0 Scantron

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We are a Google School District! Students have access to all Google tools!



ASSESSMENT

iREADY

Measures reading & math progress compared to grade level standards

- Administered 3 times a year
- Personalized practice to follow assessment

mCLASS

- Measures foundational reading progress in grades K-3 using various subtests
- Administered 3 times a year
- Progress monitoring follows assessment as appropriate

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ACAP

- Measures progress towards grade level standards in reading and math in grades 2-5 as well as science in grade 4
 - Administered during the 4th Nine Weeks
 - 3rd grade reading assessment - ALA

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Observation, written, discussion...

- Ongoing
- Teacher discretion
- Specific examples mentioned on previous slides







K-2 Report cards are sent home following each of the four grading periods.

Report cards share information about student progress towards grade level standards.

K-2 Standards Based Rubric

- 4 Demonstrates an understanding of the standard independently
- 3 Demonstrates an understanding of the standard with minimum supports
- 2 Demonstrates an understanding of the standard with continuous supports
- 1 Does not demonstrate an understanding of the standards

Dates to Expect Report Cards

- 10/10/2024
- 1/9/2025
- 3/19/2025
- 5/21/2025

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What to Expect from Reports

- Look for gradual change over the year.
- A 4 will not appear until your child is consistently showing independent mastery of a skill.
- Power Standards





K-2 Progress Reports are sent home after 4 ½ weeks of instruction within the given nine weeks.

Progress Reports highlight areas of focus to assist your child in meeting grade level expectations.



Dates to Expect Progress Reports

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- 9/11/2024
- 11/13/2024
- 2/12/2025
- 4/23/2025

Parent guides are available to assist you with helping your child at home.



ATTENDANCE

DAILY ATTENDANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR ACADEMIC GROWTH TO OCCUR AT AN ADEQUATE PACE.

Should your child have to miss school due to illness or an unforeseen event, please email a note to cesattendance<u>@madisoncity.k12.al.us</u> within 3 days of the absence.

After 3 unexcused absences, parents will be notified via a letter to caution you of possible truancy concerns

After 5 unexcused absences, the parent will receive a second letter to notify you of a meeting with a school administrator to discuss school attendance concerns.

After 7 unexcused absences, the parent will receive a third letter to notify you of a meeting with the district attendance officer.

After 10 unexcused absences, a truancy court referral will be made based upon attendance concerns.



WAYS PARENTS CAN REMAIN INFORMED

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Review the Use the Weekly **PowerSchool** Newsletter-/ Parent Portal **Daily Folder** • Review the **Follow** School **Code of** Website & Student Conduct Facebook

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Read our Class Website - I send the link on each text.

Calendar



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HESTER, LAURA

Announcements

Meet the Teacher

Monday, August 14th, 2023

There was a sea of RED at recess today! The kids looked great! We are looking forward to continuing our colors for the next two weeks. Please see the flyer Kindergarten Color Weeks.

One of the "specials" classes that your child receives each week is a STEM class. Each nine weeks our STEM teacher, Mrs. Vandiver provides us with a newsletter of the activities the students are working on. You can read this newsletter at the link: STEM Newsletter.

How to find our Newsletters - Starting in September



GRADE LEVEL FIELD TRIPS

Our first field trip will be on October 15th. We will visit Guillon Farms in Somerville, Alabama. We will need parent chaperones to ride with us on the school bus. We will need one parent to volunteer to bring the pumpkins back to school. Other parents can meet us there. You will need to bring cash and pay when you arrive. You must notify your child's teacher prior to the field trip if you are planning on joining us on the field trip. You will also be required to sign in at the front office and get a visitor sticker. Remember all school rules apply while we are on our field trip.

There will be a school field trip to see the school production of High School Musical.

We will take a field trip to Early Works museum on April 10th.



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Birthdays and Parties

We will celebrate birthdays as a class by recognizing your child and singing to them. We no longer purchase ice cream or bring goody bags.

Invitations-If you are sending invitations through our daily folders please invite all students, only boys or only girls. If you want to invite a smaller group of kids, please mail invitations using the classroom directory.

Class Parties – 2 per year – no siblings are invited to parties - only parents

We must follow the school nutritional guidelines for parties.




OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- LibraryBehavior
- Daily Schedule
- Money

- Reminders from Kindergarten 101
- Classroom Directory
- Class Shirts Deadline to order is _
- Madison City Schools Calendar- Half Days Dismissal at 11:30 Oct 9, Dec 19, Dec 20, Feb 12, May 20, May 21



PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD REMEMBER THESE THINGS EACH DAY





To include daily folde with necessary contents, charged Chromebook, etc.



Water Bottle

Only water, please





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COUNSELING PROGRAM

School Counselor(s): Sturdivant and Bowen

- School Counselors help support academic, personal, and career development in all students
- Provide classroom lessons twice monthly to all students K-5
- Counseling for students in individual or small groups if needed (with parent permission)
- Parents can contact the School Counselor to make a referral for their child or discuss any concerns
 - sksturdivant@madisoncity.k12.al.us



CES School Counseling Program School Counselors:

School Counselors: Sadie Sturdivant, M.A.Ed., NCC, ALC Hillary Bowen, M. A. Ed

Counseling Services

Individual Counseling* Small Group Counseling* Core Counseling Lessons Crisis Intervention Parent and Teacher Consultation Referral Services 504 Coordination

How can your child see the school counselor?

Parent Referral Teacher Referral Student Self-Referral Administrator Referral Counselor Observation



Opt-In Forms

Email: sksturdivant @madisoncity.k12.al.us hbbowen @madisoncity.k12.al.us

<u>Benefits of School Counseling</u>

Good mental health allows children to think clearly, develop socially, and learn new skills

Children who develop a strong emotional intelligence are better able to control their behavior

Self-regulation and prevention strategies can equip students with the skills necessary to combat mental health issues

School Counselors serve as advocates for all students to succeed

Schools, parents, and communities that collaborate provide the most effective support system for students

Grade Levels

Mrs. Sturdivant - K, 2nd, 4th Mrs. Bowen - 1st, 3rd, 5th

LIBRARY MEDIA





Students have open, flexible access to library media resources and services.



Library media resources are available to support the curriculum, encourage research, engage students in pleasure reading, and address individual needs and interests.



Resources are organized by a recognized method and are available in an automated format via Atrium



Please help our child learn his/her lunch number as this is the number utilized to check out books when visiting the media center for that purpose.



Parents can access the OPAC link (Online Access Catalog) from the media center page to view book offerings.

Our mission is to prepare students for global communication and innovation through visual literacy.



• Students participate in art class once a week for 30 minutes.

ARI

The art teachers follow a scope and sequence aligned to the Alabama Course of Study for Arts Education.







The goal of the program is to assist students in developing knowledge, understanding, and skills required to participate authentically in the discipline of music. Musically literate individuals can independently carry out the Artistic Processes of Creating, Performing, Responding, and Connecting.

- Students receive music instruction once a week for 30 minutes.
- The music teachers follow a scope and sequence aligned to the Alabama Course of Study for Arts Education.
- Music teachers use instruments as a hand-on approach to teaching music as well as Quaver, a program aligned to the general music standards also providing an interactive experience and application of the skills being taught.



Physical Education

PE Highlights:

- Provide students with 30 minutes of physical activity every day of the week.
- The goal of the program is to develop students physical competence and knowledge of movement and safety.
- Provides team building opportunities among the students and allows them to develop communication skills between their peers.

SPANISH

Madison City Schools offers an exploratory Spanish program.

- The goal of the program is to give students a positive exposure to the language and culture of Spanish-speaking countries.
- All students receive instruction from the Spanish teacher once a week for 30 minutes.
- The curriculum begins with simple conversational Spanish in Kindergarten to more advanced levels in 5th grades.



STEM

MCS Elementary STEM Program

- The goal of the elementary (PreK-5) STEM program is to develop 21st century skills and a foundational knowledge base important to STEM fields and global citizenship. This program is also designed to prepare students for middle school STEM opportunities and create awareness of STEM career pathways.
- Students will have STEM classes once a week for 30 minutes for grades PreK-5th.



- Students can expect hands on explorations with various technologies and they will design "out of the box" projects based on student learning.
- Students will experience STEM at a level that is above and beyond what is done in their regular classroom.

GIFTED PROGRAM

Intellectually gifted children and youth are those who perform or who have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. These children and youth require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program.

- Second Grade Child Find Second-grade teachers and gifted specialists will observe the students and note any gifted behaviors. Teachers use a state department required indicators list and the Gifted Specialist presents a series of lessons designed to elicit work samples for potential referrals.
- Standard Referrals Students in grades 3rd-5th may be referred for gifted services by teachers, counselors, administrators, parents or guardians, peers, self, and other individuals with knowledge of the student's abilities. Standard referral processes have a timeline of 90 days and consist of several assessments, work samples, and behavior scales completed by a Gifted Referral Screening Team.

Provided Services Include...

- Pull out services for 3rd-5th grade students (3 hours a week)
- Consultative services for K-2nd grade teachers & students
- Collaborative services for 3rd-5th grade teachers



Thank You!

We appreciate your attendance at the 2024 Curriculum Night!

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