

POWER *of* COMMUNITY

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary

Just the Facts



Mount Vernon Woods is a community school in which students, families, partners, and staff members work together to ensure the success of all students. Our staff works in collaborative learning teams to plan high quality lessons, assess student learning, and reflect on the best teaching practices to meet all students' needs.

Through a Community Learning Centers partnership, our students receive after-school enrichment in technology along with homework support. Our PTA sponsors class trips and assemblies to support the Standards of Learning curriculum.

As a Literacy Collaborative school, our K-2 teachers participate in on-going staff development in best practices and receive one-on-one coaching to improve their teaching of reading. This year, Mount Vernon Woods will open a new science lab where children will go to do hands-on experiments and learn about living systems.

We ask these important questions that guide achievement:

What should your child be learning?

We follow the K-6 curriculum designed by Fairfax County Public Schools, holding high achievement expectations for all students in all subjects. We use instructional strategies that have a strong track record such as Literacy Collaborative and the Middle Years International Baccalaureate. These programs support individual learning styles.

How do we determine that your child is making progress?

Teachers frequently test each student's progress and use the information from these assessments to guide instruction for individual students. All Mt. Vernon Woods teachers have been trained to analyze test data and to use such information to guide instruction, and teams of teachers make decisions about individual students.

What will we do if your child isn't making progress?

Each student's progress is analyzed regularly by a team of teachers who interact with that student. Our teachers are constantly aware of students' instructional needs and implement strategies to meet those needs. We offer Reading Recovery for first grade students, and additional reading and math specialists provide early intervention for students who are struggling.

What do we do when your child already knows the material?

Mount Vernon Woods challenges each student to reach the highest level he or she can. Teachers are attuned to the needs of high-achieving students as well as to those of underachieving students. Our Young Scholars program provides individual support and instruction to meet the needs of each of our high-achieving and gifted learners.

Honoring Great Teachers

Mount Vernon Woods teachers work as a team to provide high quality instruction and support to our students. Our teachers go above and beyond to work with our students, often serving as mentors, tutoring children after school, and/or sponsoring after school enrichment activities. Recently our teachers were awarded with a Math, Science, Technology Focus grant from Fairfax County Public Schools.

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Mount Vernon Woods *pride*

- Full Day Kindergarten
- Project Excel
- International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program
- Computer Learning Center Partnerships
- Homework Center
- Title I School
- Balanced Literacy
- Literacy Collaborative
- Reading Recovery
- Adult education and ESOL classes

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