

Columbus Elementary School



Incoming 3rd Grade Parent Orientation

June 4, 2025

Michael Cunzio – Principal

Erica Denman – Assistant Principal

Early Morning Parent Drop Off begins at 7:30 am in the Library. Regular drop off is in the front of the school beginning after the buses unload at approximately 8:05 am.



Parent Pick Up begins at 3:00 pm in the Library. Buses depart at 3:05 pm

Columbus Daily Schedule

8:00 am-3:00 pm

Instructional Day begins at 8:15

Grade 3

ELA

Intervention/Enrichment Periods

Math

Specials

Science/Social Studies

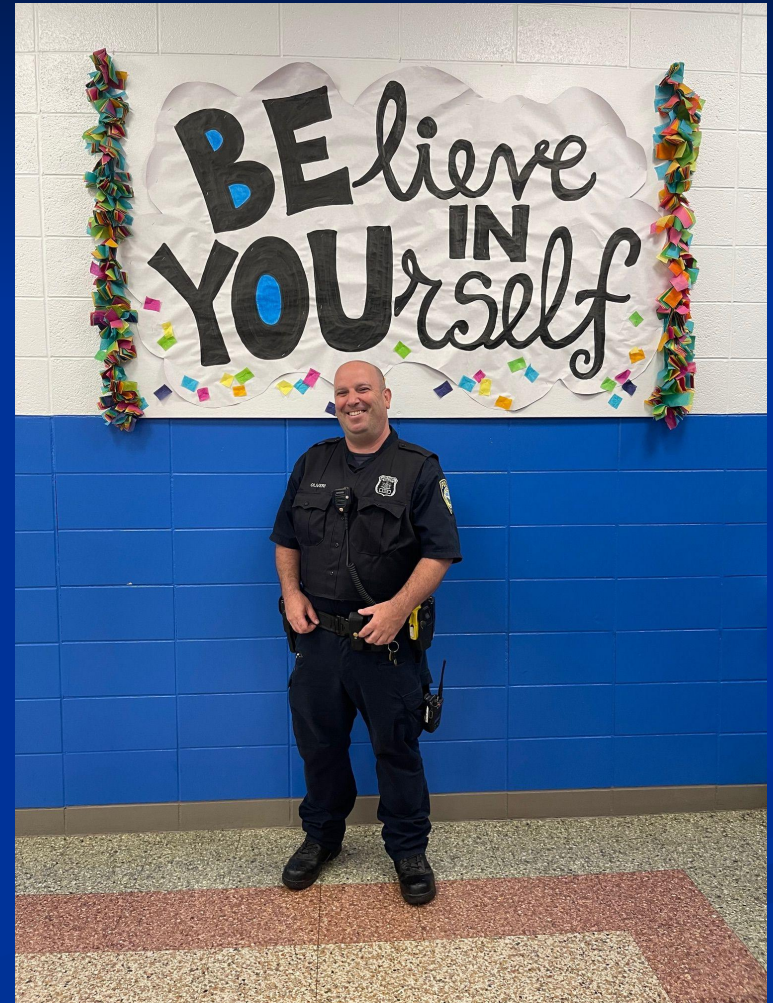
Daily PE Classes

Lunch/Recess

Safety and Security Personnel



Greeter - Lauren Sheible
Safety Officer- Ed Davis
School Resource Officer - Luke Oliveri



Recess Areas



3rd Grade English Language Arts

- Reader's Workshop

- Into Reading: Build topic knowledge & reading skills across modules (units)
- Text sets: Literature/Informational Texts
- Organized by an Essential Question



- Writer's Workshop

- Launching: Identity, Writer's Notebooks, Writing Process
- Biography: Opinion Writing
- Patricia Polacco: Narrative Writing
- Literary Non-Fiction/Non Fiction Writing



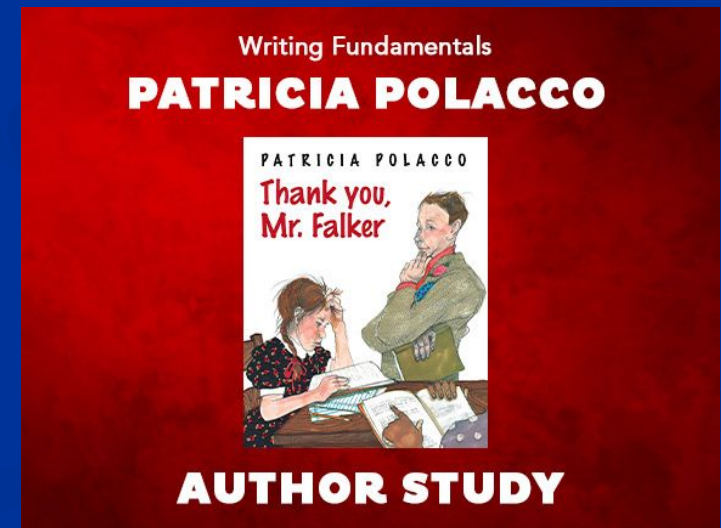
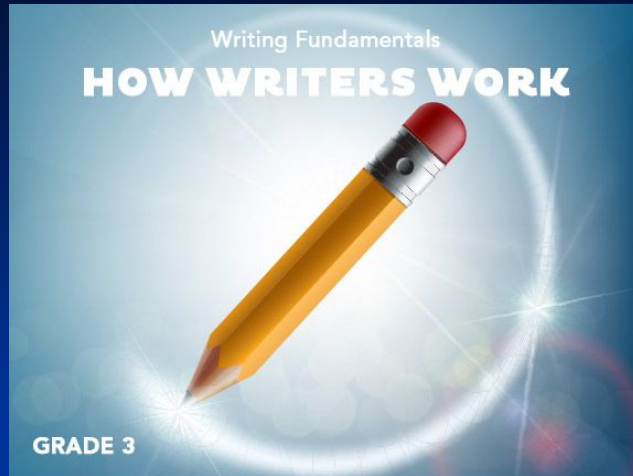
- Small Group Instruction

- Foundations

- *Cursive Handwriting*



Writing Units of Study



WRITING FUNDAMENTALS



Building Our Columbus Literacy Community

1. Summer Reading Photos



2. Word of the Week: WOW!

Inspire

Definition: (verb) to fill (someone) with the urge or ability to do or feel something, especially to do something creative.

Sentence: We were all **inspired** by the Westlake Girls Varsity Basketball Team!

A photograph of a girls' basketball team standing in a line on a gymnasium floor. They are all wearing white jerseys with blue trim and blue shorts. There are basketballs on the floor in front of them.

3. 3rd and 5th Grade Learning Buddies

4. CES Literacy Culture Team

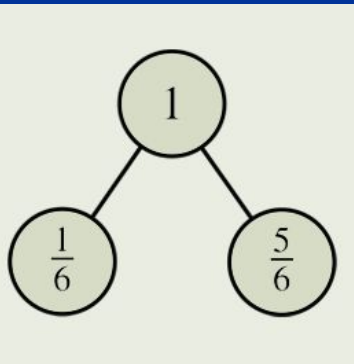


3rd Grade Math Curriculum

❖ Eureka Math²

❖ Topics for Grade 3

- Multiplication and Division with Units of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10
- Place Value Concepts Through Metric Measurement
- Multiplication and Division with Units of 0, 1, 6, 7, 8, and 9
- Multiplication and Area
- Fractions as Numbers
- Geometry, Measurement, and Data



3rd Grade Science Curriculum

- ❑ Bundle 1: Animal Development and Survival
- ❑ Bundle 2: Environments and the Traits of Organisms
- ❑ Bundle 3: Organisms Change over Time
- ❑ Bundle 4: Dealing with Hazardous Weather Worldwide
- ❑ Bundle 5: Using Magnetic Force

Science and Engineering Practice	Disciplinary Core Idea	Crosscutting Concept
Engaging an Argument from Evidence Construct an argument with evidence, data, and/or a model. (3-LS2-1)	LS2.D (1): Social Interactions and Group Behavior (NYSED) Being part of a group helps some animals obtain food, defend themselves, and survive. Groups may serve different functions and vary dramatically in size. (Note: Moved from K–2) (3-LS2-1)	Cause and Effect Cause and effect relationships are routinely identified and used to explain change. (3-LS2-1)

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THE LEADER IN STEM EDUCATION

3rd Grade Social Studies Curriculum: Communities Around the World

- Geography
 - How has geography affected world communities?
 - How do world communities change and develop?
- United States
- China
- Brazil

Columbus Elementary School Multi-Tiered System of Support -MTSS

- Focused on: Reading, Math, Wellness
- Benchmark Assessments: 3 times a year (STAR and Fountas & Pinnell)
- Decision making based on data points
- Tiered, appropriate instruction is matched to student need
- Progress Monitoring of MTSS students

Special Education Programs and Support Services

- ❑ Integrated Co-Teaching Classes – Grades 3 - 5
- ❑ Special Class Program – Grades 3-5
 - ❑ ELA/Math (12:1:1)
- ❑ Self-Contained Program 8.1.1
- ❑ Resource Room
- ❑ Speech/Language Services
- ❑ Occupational Therapy
- ❑ Physical Therapy
- ❑ School Psychologist
 - ❑ IEP Mandated group and Individual Counseling
- ❑ Elementary Guidance Counselor
 - ❑ Character Education Programs in the Classroom

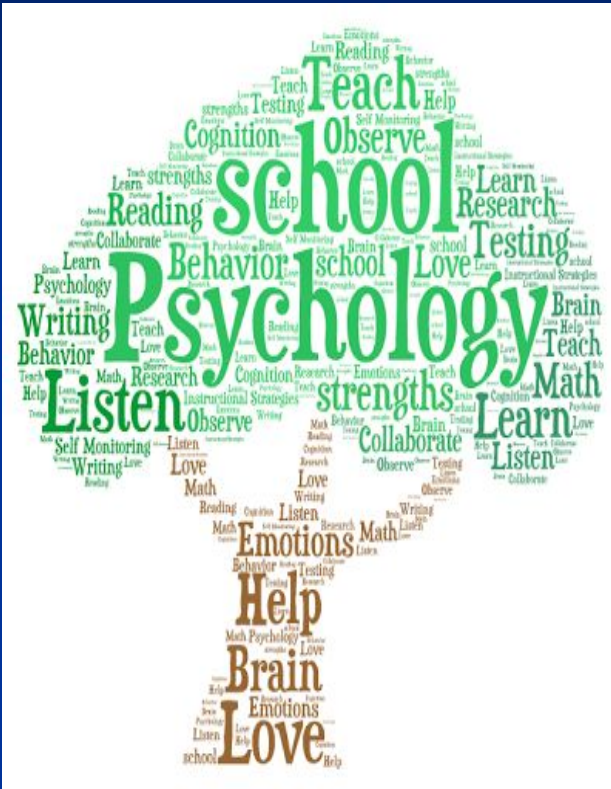
School Counselor
Connie Cotrone
ccotrone@mtplcsd.org

Character Education Class Lessons

- Building Wide Character Development Programs- STARS, Ben's Bells, monthly Portrait of a Learner Themes
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Provide social, emotional and behavioral support for parents and teachers.



School Psychologist
Ilana Cohen
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- Provide academic, behavioral and mental health support
- Provide evaluations and assessments
- Provide consultation with teachers and families
- Support student achievement and well-being
- Support school-family partnerships

Specials (Encore) at Columbus

- Physical Education/Health
- Visual Arts
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- Performing Arts (Music)
 - Introduction of Strings Program
- Library Media
- Foreign Language (FLES)
 - Spanish & Italian

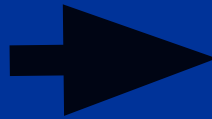
THE ARTS | STEM | LIBRARY MEDIA

Students will receive special area instruction once every six days in each area, with an additional, **intensive module** of Visual Arts, STEM & Library Media each trimester.

- ✓ Evolution of foundational skills
- ✓ Enhancement of the individual learning experience
- ✓ Exploration of authentic topics
- ✓ Experience with interdisciplinary learning

Class Placement

- Parent Questionnaires (Completed)
- 2nd Grade Visit to CES: Friday, June 6th
- Class assignment posted to Parent Portal in August
- 3rd Grade Meet and Greet - August 28th -1:30 pm



Questions?



Columbus Connections Newsletter