

Welcome to Thornton Creek Elementary

Northville Public Schools



Teachers and Support Staff

- ▶ Our kindergarten teachers are:
Ms. Marczewski, Mrs. Furlow, Mrs. Shattuck, &
Mrs. Heisner

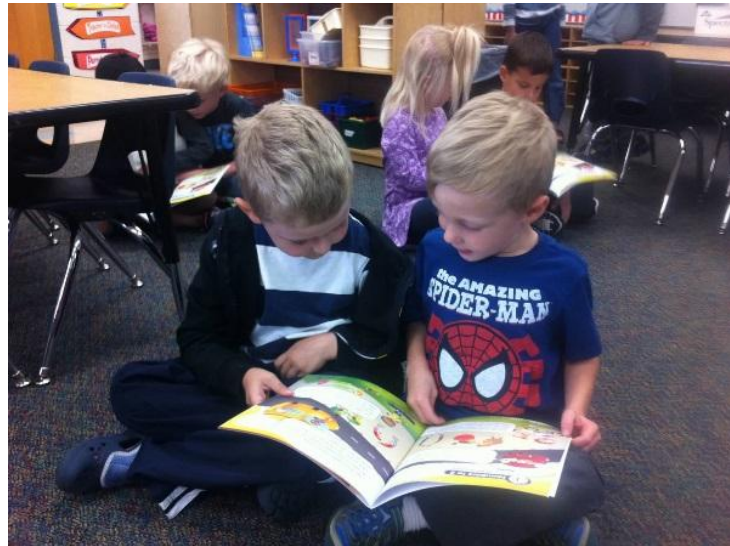
Humanities:

- ▶ By the end of the school year, all students will have attended Gym, Spanish, STEAM, Art, and Music



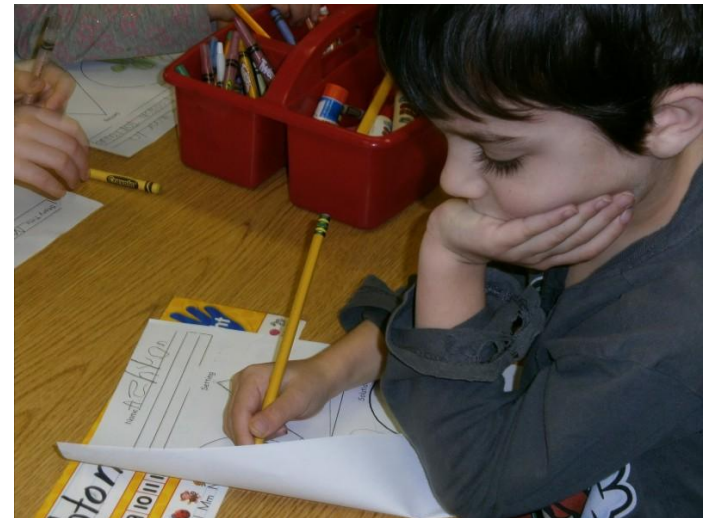
Typical Daily Schedule

- ▶ Calendar/Songs/Morning Meeting
- ▶ Reading Workshop
- ▶ Writing Workshop
- ▶ Lunch/Recess
- ▶ Quiet Time
- ▶ Math Workshop
- ▶ Special
- ▶ Snack
- ▶ Movement Break
- ▶ Science/Social Studies
- ▶ Creative Play



Language Arts; Reading and Writing

- ▶ Learning upper and lowercase letters/sounds
- ▶ Rhyming, segmenting & blending sounds
- ▶ Handwriting instruction & practice
- ▶ Sight words
- ▶ Oral language activities
- ▶ Differentiated reading instruction
- ▶ Fountas and Pinnell phonics work
- ▶ Common Core writing units taught using a Writing Workshop approach



Reading Workshop

Mini-lesson

Independent Reading

Guided reading

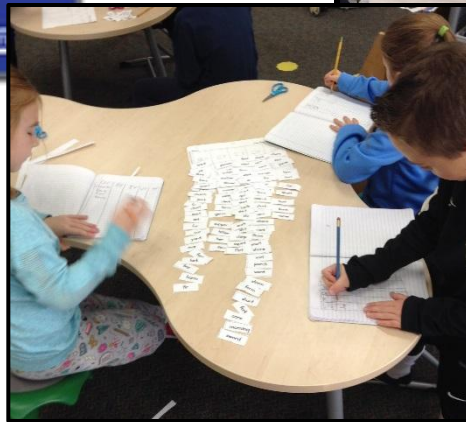
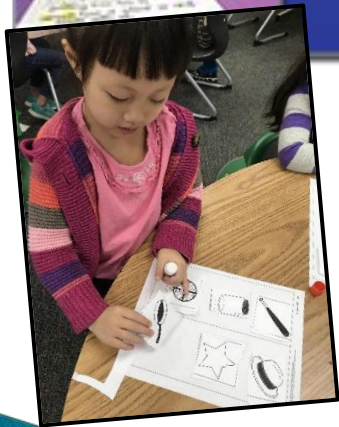
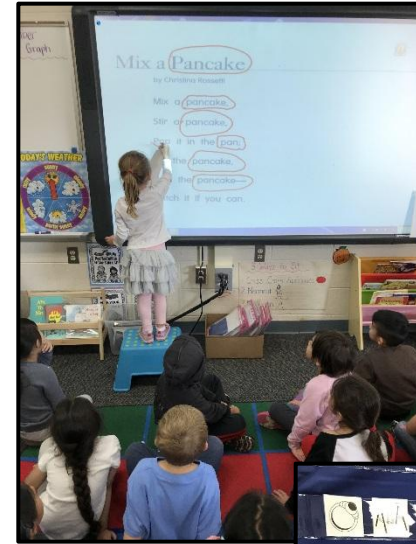
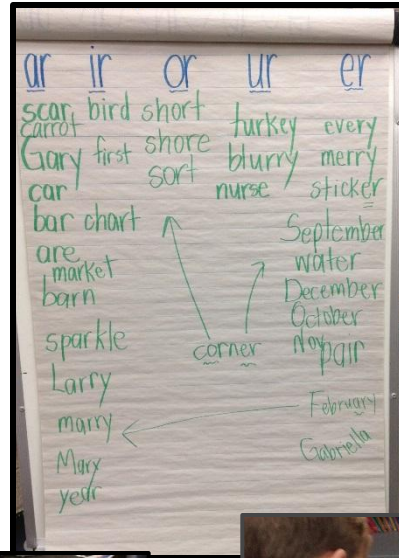
Shared reading

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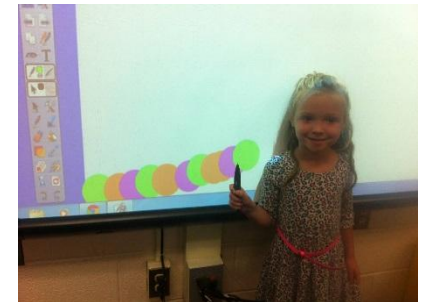


Fountas & Pinnell Word Study Program



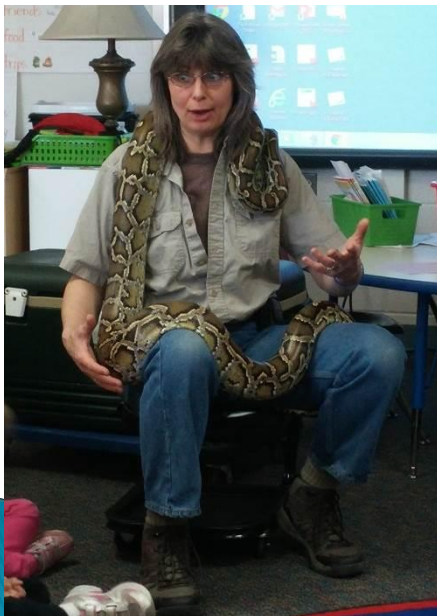
Math

- ▶ Counting to 100
- ▶ One-to-one correspondence up to 20
- ▶ Recognizing, writing & sequencing numbers to 20
- ▶ Patterns
- ▶ Solid and flat shapes
- ▶ Basic addition and subtraction
- ▶ Sorting, classifying & measuring



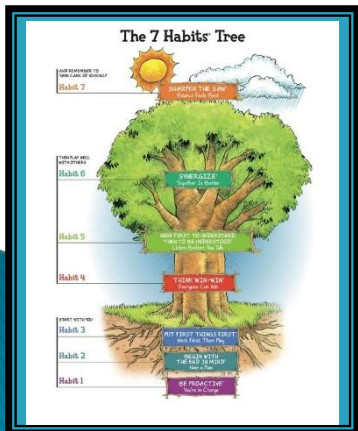
Science

- ▶ Animals Two By Two
- ▶ Trees and Weather
- ▶ Materials and Motion



Social Studies

- ▶ Rules
 - Why they are made
 - Why they should be followed
- ▶ Making Choices
- ▶ Goods and Services
- ▶ Maps and Globes
- ▶ Leader in Me Program



Recess



- ▶ Every day, weather permitting
- ▶ The perfect time to... develop gross motor skills, make friends, practice taking turns, and following rules
- ▶ Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe, flat heeled shoes to help keep students safe



Parent Volunteers

- ▶ Work with students on academic tasks
- ▶ Prepare craft materials
- ▶ Run centers during classroom parties



Lunch Procedures

- ▶ Kindergarten students are not permitted to buy school lunch until the **SECOND WEEK** of school. Please pack a lunch and a drink during the first week.
- ▶ Beginning the second week, your order needs to be in by 8:30 A.M. on the day your child will be buying lunch.
- ▶ Click on [Student Lunch Accounts](#) to create and manage your child's lunch account. All payments will be done online only.
- ▶ Teachers do not eat lunch with the students, but lunch monitors will be present in the cafeteria for additional assistance.



Problem Solving

Empowering students to have a voice.

1. Ignore

2. Move Away

3. Use "I" Message Statement



"I" Message

I feel _____

when you _____

because _____.

Can you please _____.

The form is decorated with a colorful border of small flowers and a large pink heart in the bottom left corner. There are also some decorative swirls on the form.

The 7 Habits

Thornton Creek is a Leader in Me school.

You're in Charge



Have a Plan



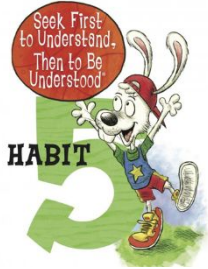
Work First, Then Play



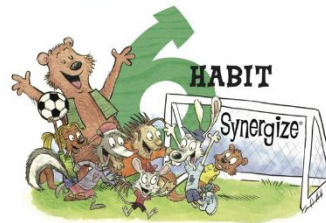
Everyone Can Win



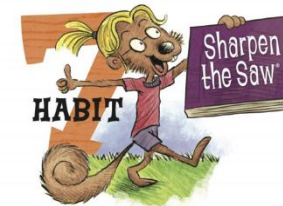
Listen Before You Talk



Together is Better



Balance Feels Best



The
Leader in Me[™]
great happens here

Parent Communication

- ▶ Please refer to your classroom Schoology page for curriculum information, weekly newsletters, etc.
- ▶ Click here for [tech help](#).



Report Cards

- ★ We have adopted a Standards Based Report Card with 3 Card Markings.
- ★ The report card will give you more clear information about your child's progress toward the Michigan State Standards.



All standards on the report card are aligned to the Michigan State Standards and will be marked with the following:

3–Meets the Standard	Student correctly and independently applies skills and concepts.
2–Approaching the Standard	Student demonstrates partial understanding of skills and concepts with some support needed.
1–Area of Concern	Student has not yet developed an understanding of the skills or concepts. Additional attention and extensive support is needed in this area.

We look forward to a fabulous year of

- ▶ Fun
- ▶ Learning
- ▶ Making friends
- ▶ Growing



with your child in Kindergarten!

