

Mission Statement

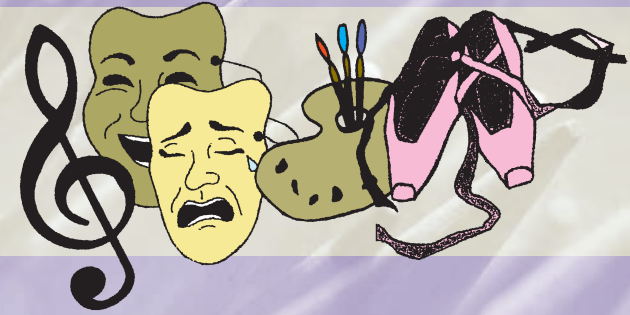
Fishweir Elementary School is a standards-based learning community where the individual needs of the student are assessed and the results are used to direct our instruction. The child-centered curriculum encourages children to grow academically and creatively. The academic and arts curriculum focuses on strengthening communication skills, fostering creative problem solving skills and enabling our students to exhibit exemplary interpersonal skills to become productive lifelong learners that will enrich their lives and our society.

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WHERE CREATIVITY BEGINS AND GROWS

Fishweir Elementary School



PERFORMING ARTS



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An Emphasis On Academics

Fishweir has enjoyed a strong academic tradition since 1917. With a finely tuned curriculum in Reading and Math, we also expect each student to increase self-esteem and to master core-curriculum skills.

An Accent On The Arts

Fishweir Elementary School's Performing Arts Magnet Program provides opportunities for all students to express themselves creatively in the areas of oral, written, visual and performing arts.

The school offers a well-rounded enrichment program that integrates artistic and expressive communication into the daily curriculum.

Fishweir magnet students are given priority consideration for placement into the middle school for performing arts.



Magnet Program Structure

KINDERGARTEN: *Exploratory Wheel.* Students are introduced to rhythm/movement, visual arts, vocal/instrumental music and self-expression. Dance instruction is part of the bi-weekly resource schedule.

FIRST GRADE: *Visual Arts.* Students explore and use various media to express their ideas. Students in grade one receive dance instruction as part of their bi-weekly resource schedule.

SECOND GRADE: *Creative Writing.* Students let their creativity shine through the writing of lyrics and poetry, and other creative writing activities which is incorporated into their classroom curriculum. These students also receive recorder and dance instruction as part of their bi-weekly resource schedule.

THIRD THROUGH FIFTH GRADE: All students in grades 3 – 5 are required to make a one-year commitment to one of the following areas of study. Some choices listed below are based on auditions.

- Beginning Band
- Advanced Band
- Art Club
- Dance Ensemble
- Chorus
- Drama Club
- Technical Theatre

Fishweir: A Five-Star School

The Five-Star School Award is the Florida Department of Education's highest award for community involvement. Eligible schools are selected annually and must meet 100 percent of the criteria in the following categories: business partnerships, family involvement, student community service and school advisory committees. Fishweir is proud to have earned the ranking of a Five-Star School.

Five-Star Student Activities

- Art Club
- Beginning/Advanced Band
- Children's Enrichment Workshop
- Chorus
- Dance Ensemble
- Drama Club
- Monthly Student Performances
- Peer Tutors
- Recorder Ensemble
- Red Ribbon Week
- Science Fair
- Technical Theatre
- Million Word Campaign
- Teachers of Tomorrow
- Sunshine Readers' Club
- 5th Grade Banquet
- Safety Patrols



Five-Star Parent Activities

- Award-Winning PTA
- Business Partnerships
- Fall Festival
- Family-Fun Nights
- Community Projects
- Family Learning Nights
- School Advisory Committee
- Volunteer Program
- Vision Screening
- Spaghetti Nights

Parent commitment for students in grades 3 – 5 includes:

- Providing appropriate performance attire
- Participation in evening and after school rehearsals
- Participation in weekend and evening performances

