



Sample Daily Schedule

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| *Start Time 8:20 am 8:20 - 8:30 | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting | Morning Meeting |
| 8:30 - 9:45 | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA |
| 9:45 - 10:30 | Specialist Rotation: Visual Arts | Specialist Rotation: Music | Specialist Rotation: Health & PE | Specialist Rotation: *Library | Specialist Rotation: Visual Arts |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Recess | Recess | Recess | Recess | Recess |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA | Integrated ELA |
| 11:45 - 12:30 | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch |
| 12:30 - 2:00 | Math | Math | Math | Math | Math |
| 2:00 - 2:15 | Recess | Recess | Recess | Recess | Recess |
| 2:15 - 3:10 | STEAM | STEAM | Genius Hour | STEAM | STEAM |
| 3:10 - 3:30 * End of day 3:30pm | Closing Circle & Dismissal | Closing Circle & Dismissal | Closing Circle & Dismissal | Closing Circle & Dismissal | Closing Circle & Dismissal |

*Library services will likely be provided in partnership with the Missoula Public Library (MPL) through regular Book Mobile visits and field trips to the public library. MPL will work with MCPS to provide a satellite location at Jefferson.

Definitions

ELA: English Language Arts

Integrated ELA: This instructional method for reading and language acquisition combines a structured literacy program with a knowledge-building curriculum aligned with state content standards. By integrating social studies and science topics into the ELA curriculum, students engage in meaningful contexts to apply and refine their listening and reading skills. The overarching objective is to foster the development of background knowledge and vocabulary, thereby enhancing the reading and writing proficiencies of all students.

STEAM: This refers to an interdisciplinary approach to learning that integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics into cohesive and engaging educational experiences. This approach emphasizes hands-on, inquiry-based learning, where students explore real-world problems and solutions through creative and critical thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving. STEAM education aims to cultivate students' curiosity, innovation, and proficiency in these core disciplines while fostering their ability to apply knowledge and skills across various contexts. By integrating the arts into STEM subjects, STEAM encourages holistic learning and empowers students to become well-rounded, adaptable thinkers prepared for success in the modern world.

Arts integration: This is an educational approach that seamlessly incorporates the arts – including visual arts, music, dance, and drama – into the curriculum across ELA, Math, and STEAM blocks to enhance students' understanding and engagement by connecting artistic expression with core academic subjects. Through arts integration, students explore ELA and Math concepts using creative methods, such as storytelling, music composition, or visual representations, fostering deeper comprehension and retention. Similarly, within STEAM blocks, arts integration encourages students to apply artistic principles to scientific inquiry, technological innovation, engineering design, and mathematical problem-solving. By intertwining the arts with academic content, this approach fosters interdisciplinary connections, creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative skills, enriching students' learning experiences and promoting holistic development.

Genius Hour: This is an educational concept where students are given dedicated time to explore their passions and interests through self-directed projects. It's like a special period during the school week where children get to choose a topic they're excited about and work on a project related to that interest. This approach encourages autonomy, creativity, and critical thinking skills, helping children develop a love for learning while pursuing topics they are genuinely enthusiastic about. Through Genius Hour, students engage in hands-on exploration, problem-solving, and presentations, fostering a sense of ownership and preparing them for success in both school and life.