



**View Ridge Elementary
Kindergarten Curriculum
2020-2021**

Literacy

Seattle Public Schools recently adopted a new K-5 Language Arts Curriculum: **Center for the Collaborative Classroom (CCC) Collaborative Literacy**. The **Collaborative Literacy** program integrates social development with academic content and has 3 parts: *Being a Reader*, *Making Meaning*, and *Being a Writer*. *Being a Reader* includes whole class shared reading, small group reading lessons, handwriting and word work. *Making Meaning* focuses on comprehension strategies, independent reading skills and vocabulary. *Being a Writer* develops the skills to write clearly, creatively, and purposefully for sustained periods of time; and a familiarity with the crafts and conventions of writing in the major genres.

Math

We use the district-adopted Math in Focus curriculum. MiF uses a concrete-pictorial-abstract approach to understanding math concepts. Concepts and skills taught include counting and number recognition, beginning addition and subtraction, measurement, solids and shapes, and graphing.

Science

We are using Amplify Science and the K curriculum focuses on three units: Needs of Plants and Animals, Pushes and Pulls, and Sunlight and Weather.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, the goal is to understand the purpose of rules at school and in the classroom, understand and create personal timelines, and retell and explain personal history. Social Studies themes are also woven into reading and writing through thematic units.

Music/Art/Physical Education

We have specialist teachers for Kindergarten for music, art and physical education.

Library

Students attend library class and check out books once each week. The first half of the school year kindergarteners are taught about book care, how to browse the shelves, and the basic sections of the library: everybody fiction, chapter book fiction, and nonfiction. The second half of the year we participate in the state-wide Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award. Students read the 20 nominated titles and vote on their favorite book.