VIEW RIDGE ELEMENTARY

VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR
Home of the Otters
WELCOME FAMILIES!

The goals for the open house:

- Get to know our mission, vision and value words
- Grade level & Curriculum highlights
- Meeting diverse learning needs and programs
- What makes our school unique
- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Community Building
- Take a peek at what our school looks like
- How to get involved
Our Mission

The mission of View Ridge Elementary School is to build an inclusive community of leaders who are curious and creative learners. We are developing global citizens who care for the environment and others. We foster growth through rigorous curricula that incorporates technology, the arts, PE, social emotional learning and positive behavior support.

Our Vision

At View Ridge we are courageous, confident and compassionate lifelong learners. We prepare and motivate our students for a rapidly changing world by developing critical thinking skills, appreciation for the arts, and a global perspective. Students will advocate for themselves and others with emphasis on social, physical and emotional health.
CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

**Literacy**

- Center for the Collaborative Classroom
- Being a Reader, K-3
- Making Meaning, k-5
- Being a Writer, k-5
- Differentiation for literacy instruction happens in the homeroom

**Math**

- Math In Focus; Envision Math
- Grades 2-5 participate in Walk-to-Math

**Science**

- Amplify; View Ridge is an early adopter of the newest district curriculum
GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

K: Seattle Children’s Theatre play, pumpkin patch and beach field trips

1st grade: Be Kind Program and Makers Centers for inventive engineering and STEM exploration

2nd grade: Iditarod musher journals and Wampanoag Story Path simulation

3rd grade: Create a Country and Cross-Cultural study

4th grade: Camp Orkila environmental education experience on Orcas Island

5th grade: Gingerbread House writing project with Kindergarten buddies, Safety Patrol, special Promotion traditions to celebrate the end of elementary school

We’re an award-winning school, with award-winning teachers. As a school, we’ve received state recognition for overall educational excellence, and for the progress students of color have made. We are also a certified green school that has a student-run composting program.
TEACHING AND LEARNING FOR RACIAL EQUITY

Highlights of Staff Work and PD in Recent Years

• Culturally Responsive Teaching (PD)
• Ethnic Studies (PD)
• Eliminating the Opportunity Gap (Monthly)
• Staff Equity Committee
• Partnership with PTA Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee
• Staff Book Clubs: How to be an Anti-Racist by Ibrim X. Kendi; Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain by Zaretta Hammond; White Fragility by Robin Diangelo

Highlights In the Classroom

❖ Multi-cultural and Anti-Racist lessons embedded throughout the year
❖ Emphasis on diversity in literature
❖ Emphasis on diverse representation across content areas
❖ Black Lives Matter Week in February
❖ Classroom based lessons for Black History Month
Social and emotional learning are important parts of the View Ridge experience.

We have class meetings, our reading curriculum ties in S.E.L. and we use Yale’s R.U.L.E.R. program at our school.

Our counselor also works with classrooms, small groups and individuals.
Where do children go for recess?

➢ Two recesses (morning and afternoon) are 15 minutes each. Lunch recess is 20 minutes.

➢ Rainy day recess rotates covered playgrounds outside/indoor activities

There are three (3) monitored Playgrounds

• K exclusive playground adjacent to their classrooms (3 supervised recesses/daily)

• Middle playground = 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades

• 4th and 5th intermediate playground
MEETING DIVERSE NEEDS IN THE CLASSROOM

For students qualified for Advanced Learning or HCC programs we teach math a grade level ahead (Walk to Math).

The standards for reading are also one grade level ahead for these students, with reading material appropriately advanced, often more than one grade level ahead.

We offer challenge work, and advanced work with an emphasis on critical thinking for all students whether qualified for these programs or not.

Curricula is often interdisciplinary, with an emphasis on investigating topics in depth.

Our staff has experience working with a wide range of ability levels, and we’re committed to helping all our students grow and learn.
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES & PROGRAMS

School-based SLPs work with children who have communication challenges that affect their success in classroom activities, social interactions, literacy, and/or learning. Many of our students receive services of one kind or another, ranging from self-contained to OT/PT to nurse support. We assist students with IEP’s for pragmatic disorders/social

We currently have 2 FOCUS classes accommodating students with special needs ranging from K to grade 5

We have a reading interventionist. It is their job to help students become confident and competent readers and writers while making it fun! They utilize the multisensory Wired For Reading program in their work. They also serve as a resource for parents and teachers on questions related to dyslexia.

We have an ELL Teacher & Instructional assistant (I.A) who works with children for whom English is not their first or primary language.

Our current staffing includes:

- Occupational (handwriting) /physical/speech therapists
- School counselor
- School psychologist
- Resource room support
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WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL UNIQUE?

• Buddy classroom activities: Kindergarten and 5th grade reading buddies, Gingerbread project, etc.

• Our garden is tied to science learning.

• School-wide service projects: food drive, coat drive, cards for unhoused people, etc.

• School-wide enrichment: pinwheels for peace, assemblies, global reading challenge, author visits, walk 'n roll, field trips, student plays, field day
STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Click (ctrl + click) below to view a video from our Student Council!

Student Council Video
COMMUNITY BUILDING

We host a pre-loved book sale, pancake breakfast, ice cream social, family dances, Comic-Con, Boo Ridge, board game sessions, Science and Engineering night, student talent show, student music concerts, and have a record number of students that participate in the Seattle Kids Marathon.
AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Our generous parent community helps provide food for those in need (Otter Packs), scholarships and materials as needed, enrichment programs, and classroom support.

Afterschool programs have included:

• Computer programming
• Digital animation
• Several language classes
• Art
• Cooking
• Sewing
• Dance
• Chess
• Choir
• Basketball, Tennis, Ultimate frisbee
• Magic: the Gathering club

• We also have an afterschool boys & girls club program adjacent to the school.
GET INVOLVED

View Ridge PTA is a non-profit Parent Teacher Association that supports, enriches, and connects View Ridge learners, teachers, parents, and staff and encourages the building of our community. Our vision is to be a community that:

• Supports a learning environment that sparks creativity, curiosity, and imagination
• Strengthens individual character, determination and resilience
• Connects family, community, and school
• Fosters collaboration and stewardship

Click HERE to join the PTA today!
WE WILL END WITH PHOTOS,
HERE WE GO!!!
BULLETIN BOARDS
You
Really
measure
↑up
Kindergarten
Kindergarten
First Grade
First Grade
Second Grade

Room 25 Classroom Expectations

Don't forget to...

B - Be prepared to learn.
A - Always be safe.
R - Respect self and others.
K - Kindness is key.
DIVERSITY!!
(Different and Similar) is GREAT!!
Computer Lab
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

The next slide has links to documents with items further into detail including FAQ’s.
Click (ctrl + click) on the link to view each handout.

- View Ridge Website
- SPS In-Person return FAQ
- PTA Website
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Kindergarten Curriculum
- View Ridge FAQ's
- Boys & Girls Club Website