

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!



Mr. Bechtle's Class

Grade 5

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September 23

October 28

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May 19





Meet Mr. Bechtle

Hometown: Vienna, Virginia. I've lived in Vienna for most of my life.

Family: Wife Ellie (Commercial Real Estate Agent) and two sons, Ross (24) and Tyler (21)

My Idea of Fun:

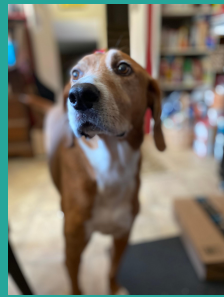
Sitting on the beach with my family, reading a good book and watching the waves crash.

Professional Life:

B.S. - West Virginia Wesleyan College

M.S. Ed. - Marymount University

This will be my 25th year of teaching. Twenty-two of those years have been at Flint Hill Elementary teaching 2nd and 5th Grades.



Meet the 5th Grade Team



Catherine Faust

Mark Dickenson

Breann Grzankowski

Jeff Bechtle

Ana Ochoa

Nicole Stevens

Daily Schedule

8:45-9:00	Arrival & News
9:00-10:00	Specials
10:00-10:15	Morning Meeting
10:20-11:00	Content (Science & SS)
11:00-12:00	Math
12:00-12:25	Falcon Time
12:30-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Recess
1:30-3:30	Language Arts





This Year's Focus



Developing
Critical and Creative
Thinking
skills

Reading and Writing

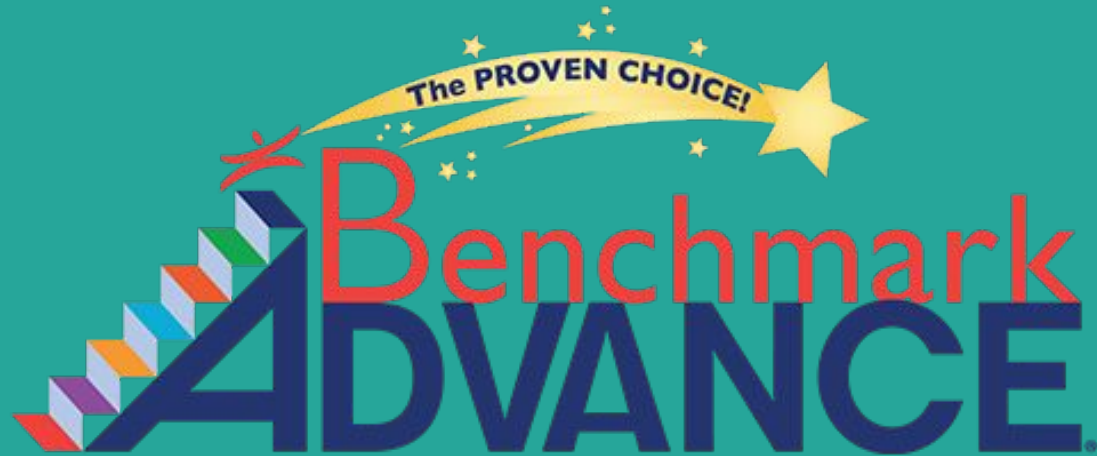
Students improve their literacy skills through targeted instruction that incorporates all subject areas.

Our Benchmark Advance curriculum includes:

- Themed units that incorporate science and social studies topics
- Word study
- Fiction and nonfiction writing
- Reading across all genres



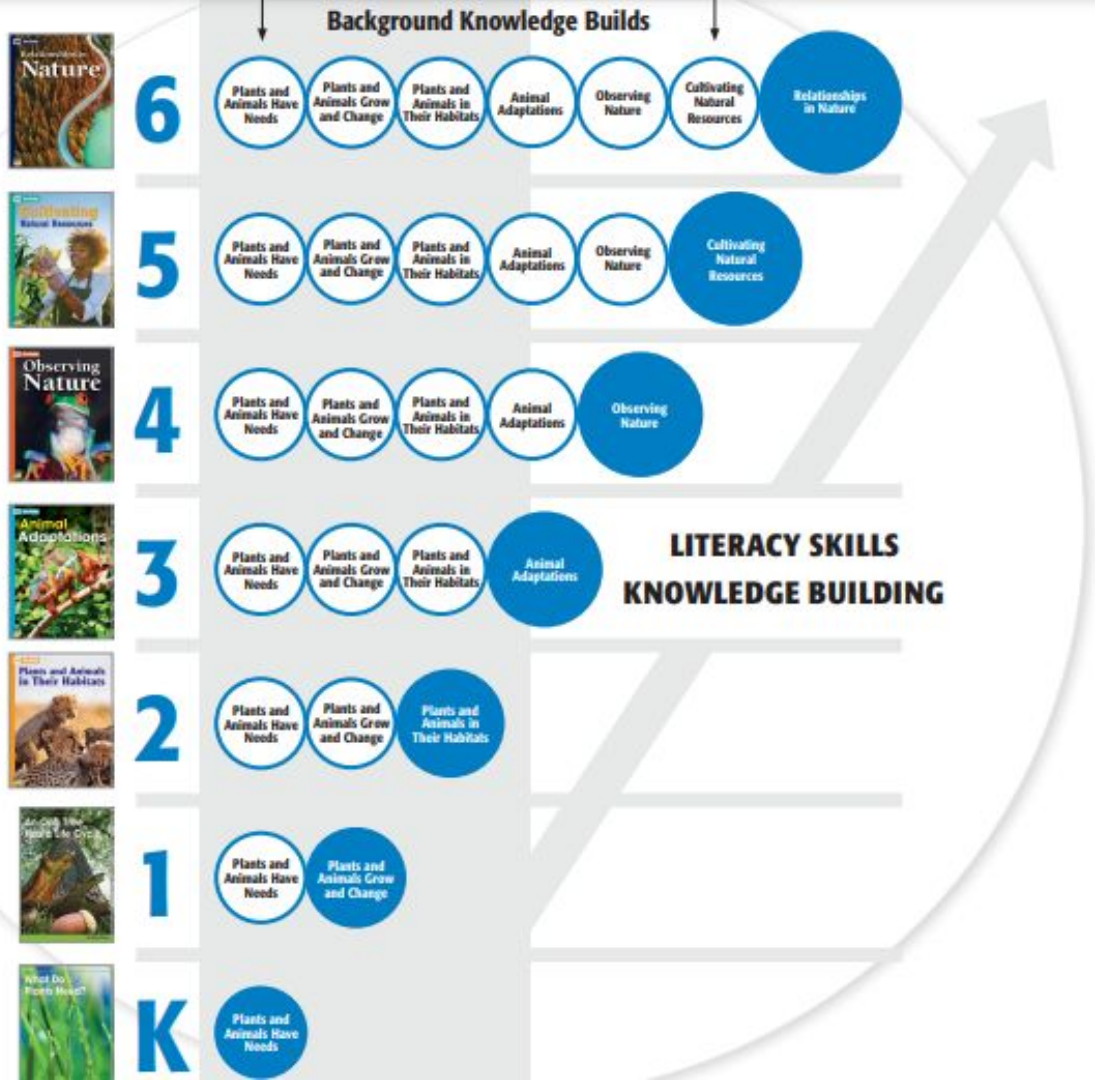
Our New Curriculum for K-6



Common Topics, K-6

Unit	Knowledge Strand	GRADES						
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Life Science							
2	Character Matters							
3	Government and Citizenship							
4	Perspectives in Literature							
5	Technology and Society							
6	Themes Across Cultures							
7	History, Culture, and Geography							
8	Earth Science							
9	Economics							

Growing Knowledge Over Time



Essential Questions Get More Complex

Unit 1: Life Science

Plants and Animals Have Needs

Why do living things have different needs?

Kindergarten

Animal Adaptations

How do living things survive in their environment?

3rd Grade

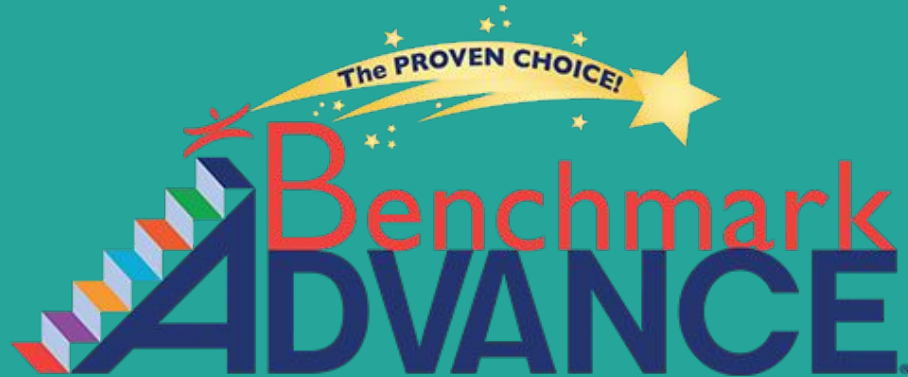
Relationships in Nature

What roles can we play in the balance of nature?

6th Grade

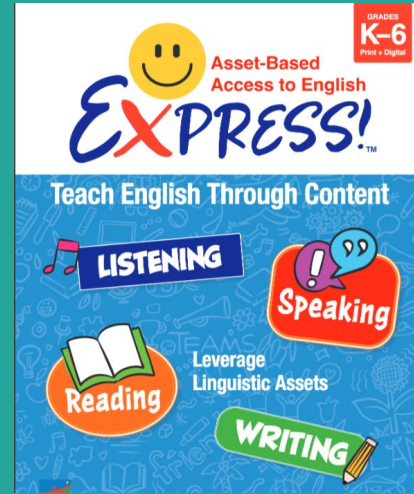
Core Instruction & Students with Disabilities

Benchmark Advance has numerous scaffolds and supports to assist all teachers in providing core instruction responsive to the needs of students with disabilities.

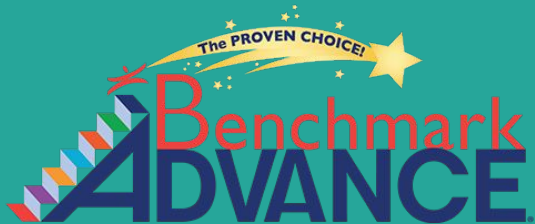


Core Instruction & Multilingual Learners

Benchmark Express is the English Language Development curriculum that complements Benchmark Advance in providing tier 1 instruction for multilingual learners.



Benchmark Advance includes scaffolds and supports for multilingual learners.



Core Instruction & AAP

All students receiving Advanced Academic services will participate in Benchmark Advance, which includes extensions for advanced learners. In addition to inquiry-based research embedded in Benchmark, each quarter will focus on at least one supplemental AAP ELA curricular resource to be used throughout that quarter.

Advanced Academic Programs (AAP)

Fairfax County Public Schools offers a continuum of advanced academic services for students K-12 that builds upon students' individual strengths and skills and maximizes academic potential for all learners.

Number Sense Routines

Which One Doesn't Belong?

9	16
25	43

Math

Students develop confidence, build conceptual understanding and increase fluency with numbers through a variety of learning opportunities.

- Heterogeneous, Flexible Grouping
- Format: Math Workshop
- Targeted Extensions and Scaffolding



5th Grade Math

Quarter 1 Topics :

- Measures of Central Tendency
- Graphs
- Prime & Composite Numbers
- Algebraic Expressions
- Order of Operations
- Whole Number Computation

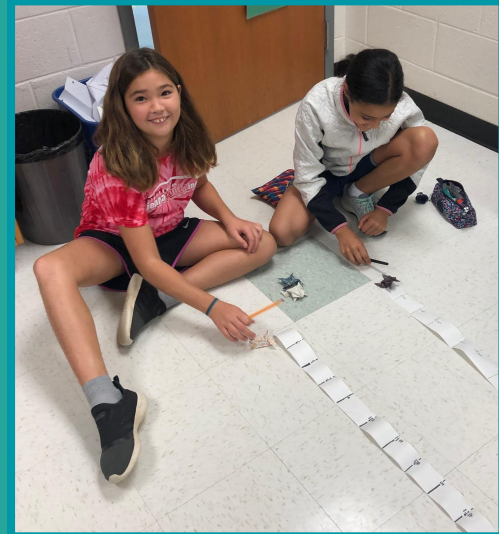


Looking Ahead: Fraction and Decimal Computation, Geometric Measurement, Probability... and more!

Advanced Math

Quarter 1 Topics :

- Measures of Central Tendency
- Identifying & Representing Integers
- Inequalities
- Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages
- Ratios and Proportions



Looking Ahead: Integer and Fraction Computation, Coordinate Planes, One-Step Equations ... and more!

Reading and Writing

Students improve their literacy skills through targeted instruction that incorporates all subject areas.

Narratives, Memoirs, Persuasive Writing, Poetry,
Fantasy, Advertisements

Strategy groups

Super Science magazines

AAP Resources: Socratic Seminar, Caesar's English, and
Jacob's Ladder



Science

Students learn new concepts and the scientific method through exploration and experimentation.

Experimental Design

Force, Motion, & Energy

Landforms

Electricity and Magnetism

Light and Sound



Social Studies

Students will study ancient civilizations looking for cultural universals and identifying the ways that the ancient past still affects our lives today.

Research: Greek Mythology Project



Homework

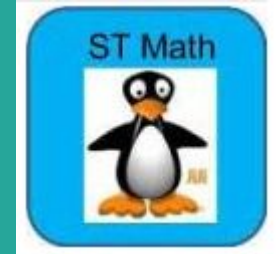
Students should read 20-30 minutes every day. Please initial your student's agenda at the end of each week.

All students will receive math homework from Monday-Thursday.

Students will not have homework on days that they have a test or on the final day of the week.



Technology Resources



& more!

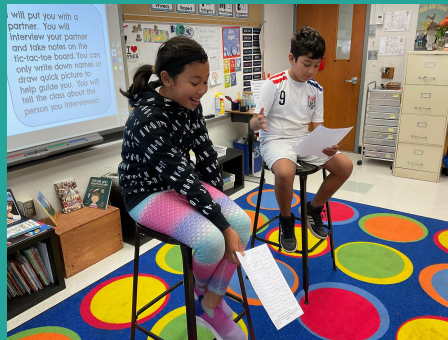
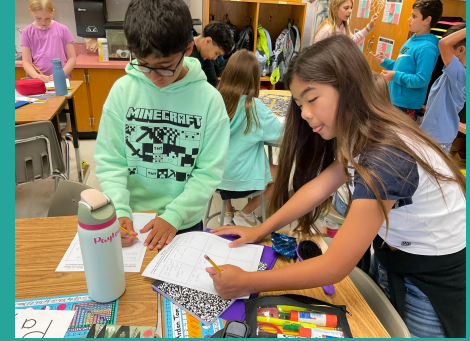
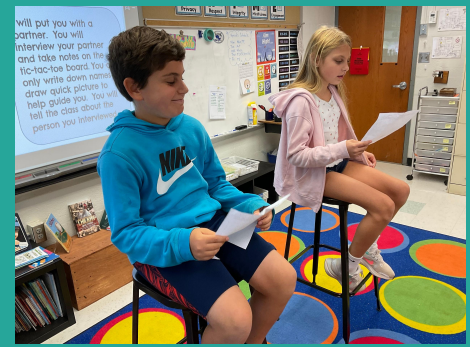


All students will have access to a homeroom and a math course in Schoolology, which we use for:

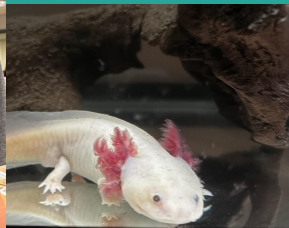
- Easy access to digital assignments and resources
- This year, digital assessments will be taken through Performance Matters (within Schoolology & replacing Horizon)

Responsive Classroom

We will promote an academic, socially, and culturally responsive learning environment for our students.



Classroom Pets



ONE

SCHOOL | COMMUNITY | WORLD

#ONEkindactVienna

ONE Kind Act can change the world



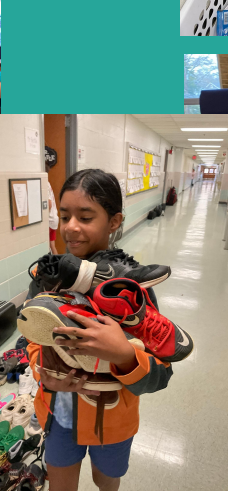
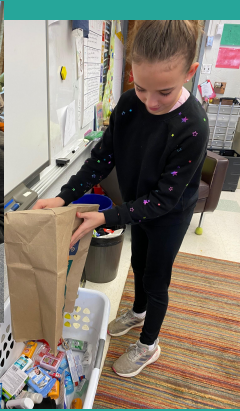
You Belong Here

Did you know that **ONE** kind act can change the world?

ReSeArchers have actually found that **kindness** creates more **kindness**! This year, the students and community of the Madison Pyramid will participate in the **ONE** Campaign; a journey of learning and doing designed to spread **kindness**. We know that how we treat others matters, and that it is important to think beyond ourselves.



Classroom Service Projects



Communication

Weekly Newsletters
will be shared with
you via email.

If you have not received
the weekly newsletter,
please let me know before
you leave.

Dear Families,

We had a wonderful first week of school! We enjoyed getting to meet our fifth grade classes and learning about each of the students. We are looking forward to the year ahead!

Here are some friendly reminders:

- On **Wednesday, August 31st from 6:00-7:30 PM** we will host Back to School Night, so please save the date. We hope you can join us!
- Band and Strings registration is due **Tuesday, September 6th**. You can register your child and learn more information here: [Flint Hill Band and Strings Registration Link](#). Band and Strings classes will begin on Monday, September 12th.
- If you have not already done so, please complete the [Digital Resources Consent Form](#) **as soon as possible**. Students have already received their computers, but are unable to utilize their Google Drive or online tools without your consent. You can find our school's list of resources [here](#).
- If you would like a report of your child's online activity while at school, you can sign up [here](#). Please see the attached flier for details.
- **School is closed on Friday, September 2nd and Monday, September 5th** for Labor Day.

Week in Review	This week we worked on building a classroom community. We learned about our families, interests, favorite activities, learning preferences, and a whole lot more. Students each created a hope and/or dream for the school year.
Looking Ahead	Next week we will introduce the following concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language Arts: Creating a community of readers and writers• Math: Characteristics of odd and even numbers• Advanced Math: Ratios• Content (Science or Social Studies): Universal elements of all cultures

We hope you enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

Warmly,
The Fifth Grade Team

Conferences

- Conferences will be held at the end of the first quarter. I will send an email with a link to sign up.
- My door is always open so you can also request a conference any time if you have a concern to discuss.
- In-person, Zoom or phone



Report Cards and Standard Based Grading

	1	2	3	4
Frequency	Seldom	Some of the time	Most of the time	Nearly all the time
Support	Considerable	Moderate	Limit	No support
Understanding	Limited	Partial	General	Thorough
Errors	Frequent	Some	Few	None



REPORT CARDS



Report Cards and Standards- Based Grading

Report Cards will be available in
ParentVUE on

Tuesday, November 12th @ 6am

*Paper copies will be sent home for Q1

5th Grade Events

- Greek Gods/Goddesses Agora
- Field trips: (Pending Approval and Availability)
Children's Science Center and Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- Presentations of Learning
- End of Year Picnic at Peterson Lane Park



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without a significant
relationship.”

~James Comer

Creating a Culturally Responsive Classroom



Help us celebrate our diversity by creating a holiday video!

- ★ 1 - 3 minutes long, recorded at home with your fifth grader
- ★ Includes national holidays, cultural holidays, heritage months, etc.

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Holiday Video Examples



Halloween



Nowruz



Lunar New Year



Memorial Day



FLINT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

parent teacher association

Please consider joining,
if you haven't already!

The PTA supports our school with:

- Classroom Technology
 - Teacher Materials
 - Field Trip Expenses
 - Teacher Training
 - Community Building
- And so much more!



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Flint Hill Elementary
PTA[®]
everychild.one voice.[®]

Home

Communication

Our PTA

Events

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Store

2024-2025 SPIRIT WEAR ON SALE NOW!

8/15/2024 10:40 am



FHES SPIRIT WEAR IS ON SALE NOW!

We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you?

upcoming events

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■ FHES Back

Wednesday,

■ Rita's Vient

Thursday, S



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The PTA meet and greet mixer at Shipgarten in Tyson's is a drop in event from 1-4pm on Saturday Sept. 17th. Parents/guardians, FHES staff, community members, kids, and dogs are all welcome!

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Stay connected with our class and get daily classroom photos, news and announcements by joining our class dojo!



Room Parents

Mrs. Smoot

YOU
ROCK

Mrs. Tom

Mrs. Kosun



Questions?

Before you leave....

Please write a letter to your child
so they have something to read
in the morning.

Thank you for coming to
Back to School Night!



I look forward to a wonderful year working with you
and your child!