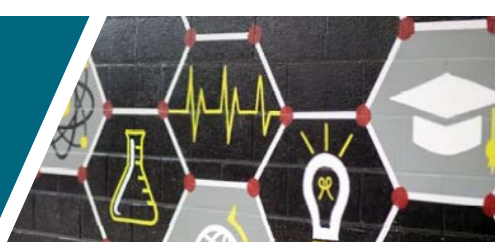


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Writing

- Developing a Writing Process
- Writing Personal Narratives
- Informational Writing: “All About” Books
- Writing through Traditional Literature Types
- Persuasive Reviews
- Revision: Focus on Elaboration and Descriptive Language
- Writing Realistic Fiction
- Research-Writing Cycle

Oral Communication

- Active Listening
- Collaborative Discussions
- Conversation Skills
- Presentations Using a Variety of Media Forms

Portrait of a Graduate



A goal of FCPS is to provide opportunities for students to demonstrate learning in authentic ways and support students in the development of skills that employers are seeking for the workforce. Teachers in FCPS are enhancing learning opportunities to include the Portrait of a Graduate attributes:

- Communicator
- Collaborator
- Ethical and Global Citizen
- Creative and Critical Thinker
- Goal-Directed and Resilient Individual

To develop these skills, FCPS strives for all students to:

- Develop knowledge and skills that can be applied across subject areas and in real life settings.
- Utilize and grow critical thinking skills that require them to go beyond the facts
- Engage in learning that fosters curiosity.
- Confront and make contributions to solving real-world problems.
- Demonstrate learning and skills in a variety of ways, such as projects and portfolios.
- Set goals and reflect on their progress.

Reading

- Character Development
- Developing and Refining Theories about Text
- Nonfiction
- Multiple Points of View
- Everyday Texts: From Advertisements to Webpages
- Biographies and Autobiographies
- Book Clubs: Deepening Understanding through Discussions
- Reading and Writing Poetry
- Understanding How “Test Reading” Works
- Research Skills within Science and Social Studies Content
- Word Study and Vocabulary Development



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Mathematics

- Six-Digit Place Value
- Estimation
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Money
- Patterns
- Equality
- Fraction Number Sense
- Addition and Subtraction with Fractions
- Polygons
- Lines, Rays, and Angles
- Area and Perimeter
- Telling Time and Elapsed Time
- U.S. Customary and Metric Systems
- Bar Graphs and Pictographs
- Probability

Science

- Scientific Investigation
- Ladybugs
- Animal Adaptations
- Habitats
- Food Chains
- Plant and Animal Diversity in Ecosystems
- Earth's Cycles: Seasons, Day and Night, Tides, Water Cycle and Moon Phases
- Energy Resources
- Human Impact on Air and Water Quality
- Soil
- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Simple and Compound Machines

Social Studies

Ancient World Cultures

- Rights and Responsibilities
- World Geography
- Ancient Civilizations:
 - Egypt
 - China
 - Greece
 - Rome
 - West African Empire of Mali
- Within each ancient civilization, students will learn about:
 - Change Over Time
 - Geography
 - Economics
 - Contributions
 - Modern Day Influences

