



TJ'S SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS

- Student Council: Our student council participates in numerous service learning projects throughout the year. Some of the projects they did this year: Visited Gateway Nursing Home and read to the senior citizens, collected over \$1,500 for cancer patients, and collected canned food for the Euclid Hunger Center.
- Band/Orchestra: Beginning in grade 4, students are provided the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. Lessons are free of charge.
- A large number of volunteers help in the classrooms in a variety of ways.
- PTA: We have a very active PTA here at TJ. They offer our students and parents a wide variety of activities.
- After-school recreation: Twice a week students are offered after-school recreational activities.
- Our kindergarten and fifth grade students work on sharing the love of reading every week.



TECHNOLOGY AT THOMAS JEFFERSON

Thomas Jefferson is rich with technology. Students at TJ have: 6-8 computers in all classrooms, 2 mobile computer carts with 15 laptops, one 21st century classroom which is equipped with 15 stationary computers, 15 laptop computers and a large interactive white board, all with video-conferencing capabilities. This year we have made connections with students all over the world! Currently we have three classrooms with interactive white boards. Our goal is to have all classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards, in three years. Thank-you PTA.

HOW DO I GET MY CHILD ENROLLED AT TJ?

If you are interested in having your child attend Thomas Jefferson, you will need to complete an application. Applications may be picked up at Thomas Jefferson or the Euclid Board of Education at 651 E. 222nd Street, or you may call the school and one will be mailed to you. All applications are due by 4:00 PM on Friday, May 4th. New student lottery will be held on Tuesday, May 8th. If you would like more information about Thomas Jefferson or a tour of the school, please contact Margaret Watson, principal.

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THOMAS JEFFERSON MAGNET SCHOOL

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE



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Thomas Jefferson Magnet School received a state rating of EFFECTIVE for the 2005 - 2006 school year. TJ has approximately 375 students in grades K-5. All of our teachers have met Highly Qualified Status given by the State Department of Education.

Students at Thomas Jefferson are striving for academic excellence. Teachers are dedicated to student achievement. Parents are actively involved in their child's education. Parents, teachers and students are working together to provide a world-class education for our students.



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HOLDEN ARBORETUM

Third grade teachers and children are teaming with the Holden Arboretum to work on science standards. Students go to the arboretum twice a year for science lessons and once a year the instructor from the arboretum comes to TJ to work with students. Next year the program will be expanded to include the fourth grade.

PTA PROVIDES FIELD TRIPS

Our very generous PTA pays for every grade level to go on at least one field trip per year. This year the fourth grade will go to a Cleveland Indians game, second grade will go to the Natural History Museum, kindergarten and first grade will go to the Lake Farm Park. Every year the fifth grade teachers and PTA plan a special end of the year picnic for the students.



THOMAS JEFFERSON CURRICULUM

READING

Thomas Jefferson teachers use a framework called the Comprehensive Literacy Framework to guide their reading instruction. At least twice a year children are assessed using the Diagnostic Reading Assessment. Students are assessed in September, teachers plan their reading lessons according to children's needs. Children are met at their current reading level and provided instruction based on their needs. Teachers use three different groupings while teaching reading: whole group to do read-alouds and mini-lessons, small group to focus on specific skills needed by small groups of students, and individual to conference with students and provide appropriate leveled text.



VALUE ADDED

Here at Thomas Jefferson we are teaching children values through a program called Responsive Classroom. This approach teaches children the social skills necessary to be good citizens. It creates learning environments where children thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. By using these strategies we see an increase in student investment, responsibility, and learning, and a decrease in problem behaviors.

WRITING

Here at Thomas Jefferson, we use a program called Writers Workshop. This writing program has four components: modeled/shared writing, guided writing, independent writing and writing in the content areas. Yes, our kindergarten children are writing!

MATH

Thomas Jefferson adopted a new math program this year called Everyday Math. This program is a standards-based program. For many of our teachers and parents this program presents new ways of solving problems and learning strategies. Our students are enjoying the new math program. This program uses games and teamwork to teach concepts. Our students are engaged and excited about math. If you would like to learn more about this program visit: <http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/index.shtml>

ASSESSMENT TESTING SCORES

READING	MATH	WRITING
GRADE 5 *83.1%	GRADE 5 69.2%	DOES NOT TAKE
GRADE 4 *85.3%	GRADE 4 *76.5%	GRADE 4 *89.7%
GRADE 3 *76.9%	GRADE 3 56.3%	DOES NOT TAKE

*MET STATE STANDARD