

LOWER TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Office of Curriculum and Instruction

2019-2020 NEWSLETTER

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FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL

After receiving the Preschool Education Expansion Aid Grant last year we are pleased to announce that our full-day preschool program is officially a fully funded program by the state of New Jersey. We are excited to announce that this funding allowed us to open a 15th classroom this year!

All preschool classrooms will continue to implement the [High Scope Curriculum](#). This is a developmentally appropriate program that fosters social and emotional skills as well as exposure to early academic concepts.

PARTNERSHIP WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

We are excited to announce our partnership with Columbia University. Title IIA funding from the federal government was allocated for the partnership. Maud Abrams and Sandman will have a staff developer from the Teachers College of Columbia University facilitating five cycles of professional development throughout the year to support teachers with writing and reading workshop.

SANDMAN SCHOOL: NEW READING CURRICULUM

All 5th and 6th grade teachers will be implementing the [Units of Study in Teaching Reading](#). We have partnered with Columbia University to provide staff development throughout the year. Reading and Writing Workshop are part of our Balanced Literacy program. The Reading Units of Study have high expectations and achievable goals. These units help teachers provide their students with instruction, opportunities for practice, and concrete doable goals to help them meet and exceed any set of high standards.

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SOCIAL STUDIES

Grades K-6 updated their Social Studies Curriculum over the summer months. Grades K-2 created new units to align with the NJSLS-SS. Many new read aloud books were purchased to enhance their comprehensive, cross-curricular units of study. Grades 3-5 updated their units of study and will be using My World Social Studies materials that include interactive field trips, videos, and stories. Grade 6 enhanced their curricular units to include a field trip to Stockton University's Holocaust Education Center.

**SPRING 2020 STATE
ASSESSMENT**

Testing Window- April 20- May 22

New Jersey Student Learning
Assessments-ELA (NJSLA-ELA)

New Jersey Student Learning
Assessment-Mathematics (NJSLA-M)

New Jersey Student Learning
Assessment- Science (NJSLA-S)

NJSLA-S Grades 5, 8 and 11

[NJSLA-S Practice Test](#)