

Carroll Independent School District



Elementary Student and Parent Handbook

2011-2012

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As Dragons, We Value . . .

**Excellence • Relationships • Character & Integrity
Innovation • Open & Honest Communication**

Our Vision

Creating an environment that fosters excellence

Mission Statement

**To provide a caring and creative learning environment that promotes excellence,
fosters integrity and encourages each student to reach his or her academic,
extracurricular and social potential.**

Elementary Schools

Carroll Elementary School

Grades Preschool - 4

1705 W. Continental Blvd., Southlake, TX 76092

Phone: 817-949-4300

Fax: 817-949-4343

Principal: Stacy Wagnon

Assistant Principal: Angie George

Johnson Elementary School

Grades K - 4

1301 Carroll Avenue, Southlake, TX 76092

Phone: 817-949-4500

Fax: 817-949-4545

Principal: Lori Allison

Assistant Principal: Mike Landers

Rockenbaugh Elementary School

Grades Preschool - 4

301 Byron Nelson Parkway, Southlake, TX 76092

Phone: 817-949-4700

Fax: 817-949-4747

Principal: Karen White

Assistant Principal: Diane Fair

Walnut Grove Elementary School

Grades K - 4

2520 North Whites Chapel, Southlake, TX 76092

Phone: 817-949-4400

Fax: 817-949-4444

Principal: Dr. Betty McIlvain

Assistant Principal: Syliva Barnett

Old Union Elementary School

Grades K - 4

1050 S. Carroll Avenue, Southlake, TX 76092

Phone: 817-949-4600

Fax: 817-949-4646

Principal: Dr. Mary Johnston

Assistant Principal: Jon Fike

Academics

Basic Curriculum Offerings The following subjects are taught in all grades K-4:

- Art
- Math
- Music
- Physical Education
- Reading
- Science
- Social Studies
- Writing (Spelling/Grammar)

Homework

A reasonable amount of work should be done on a daily basis at home to reinforce skills learned during the school day. Every night, some time should be spent reading and working with math facts. This gives students the opportunity to develop desirable independent study habits and responsibility. Some nights, a student may need to complete work that was unfinished at school. Occasionally, special projects will be assigned.

Approximate homework schedule (*in addition to reading 20 minutes a night*):

Kindergarten - 10 minutes a night
1st Grade - 10 minutes a night
2nd Grade - 20 minutes a night
3rd Grade - 30 minutes a night
4th Grade - 40 minutes a night

Daily work/homework is on time when it is turned in by the due date. Students will not be permitted to use the phone to contact their parents to bring up homework or student assignments.

Late Work

Please refer to the Carroll ISD Grading and Reporting Handbook: Elementary and Intermediate.

Make-up Work

Please refer to the Carroll ISD Grading and Reporting Handbook: Elementary and Intermediate.

Progress Reports

All students in grades three and four will receive progress reports at three-week intervals on pre-designated dates.

Report Cards

Report cards are a source of information reflecting student progress and performance. Report cards will be sent home on the Friday following the end of each six weeks. Report cards must be signed by a parent and returned to school. Report cards are mailed home the last six weeks. In order to receive a report card, a student must be in attendance three or more weeks of the reporting period. At some grade levels, rubrics are included to indicate student progress in Reading and Writing.

The following classes will be attended on a rotating basis:

Art	P.E.	Computer Lab
Music	Science Lab	

Skill level and conduct for these programs are reported with the following letter grades:

E=Excellent	N=Needs Improvement
S=Satisfactory	U=Unsatisfactory

Kindergarten students are given a skills continuum report card designed to evaluate individual

skills measured each six weeks.

Students in grade one receive E, S, N, and U in all subjects.

Students in grade two receive letter grades for science and social studies, but receive numerical grades for mathematics, reading and writing.

Students in grades three and four receive numerical grades:

A = 100 – 90 B = 89 – 80 C = 79 – 70 F = 69 and Below

Refer to district handbook regarding grades. To be promoted, a student must have an overall average of 70 in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. *Parent Access* is the on-line site for parents to view grades of students in grades three and four.

Tutorials

Tutorials for students in need of remediation will be determined and arranged by the classroom teacher. Teachers may not provide private tutoring for their own students or any students between the hours of 7:45-3:45 p.m.

Admissions, Enrollment, and Attendance

Admissions and Enrollment

New kindergarten students must be five (5) years old on or before September 1st of the school year in which they are enrolling. New first grade students must be six (6) years old on or before September 1st. A physical examination is recommended when a student enters school for the first time.

Parents/guardians who wish to enroll a student in school should report to the office with a copy of their driver licenses, an immunization record, social security card, and birth certificate. Ages must be verified by a birth certificate and immunization records must be complete. Proof of residency shall be required for every new student. Minimum proof shall consist of the latest electric and water bill, lease agreement, settlement statement, or any other documentation the district requires. Visit the website at www.southlakecarroll.edu for the latest requirements. Please contact the school office if you change your place of residence or phone number during the school year.

Attendance

School hours are 7:55 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. for students in preschool and 7:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Students should not arrive at school before 7:45 a.m. and should leave for home at 2:55 p.m. Supervision is provided each morning for all students beginning at 7:40 a.m. No after school supervision is provided. Parents must arrange for their child to be picked up on time every day. Whenever students attend clubs, tutorials or other after school activities, parents should arrive promptly for pick up. If a student attends clubs after school it is the parent's responsibility to arrange for supervision before or after the club. Students are not to play on playground equipment while in the car rider line.

For a student to be counted as "present", the student must be at school by 10:00 a.m. This is the "attendance window" utilized for official record at the elementary level. If a student comes to school after 10:00 a.m., a doctor's note will be required to be counted present for the day. Each day that a student is absent the parent must call in to notify the office.

When students are absent, the work can be made up, however, the level of learning will not be the same as when the student has the opportunity to interact with the teacher and fellow students. State law mandates that students attend at least 90 percent of the days class is offered. An Attendance Review Committee will meet to determine whether or not academic credit will be awarded if the student does not attend class 90 percent of days offered. **After 18 days of absences, the committee will determine if a student will be promoted to the next grade level.** Please refer to the CISD Student Code of Conduct for additional information.

Tardies

Students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. to prepare for the 7:55 bell. Students who arrive at the school after 8:00 a.m. are considered tardy and must report to the office for an admission slip. Having your child here at the beginning of the day can establish a positive routine. This will ensure your child is present for all instructions as the day begins. Persistent tardies and early departures during the school year will prompt a call to the student's parents and/or a meeting with the Attendance Review Committee.

Communications

***Contacting
Campus Staff***

Campus staff may be contacted by parents and community members via email. Campus websites maintain all contact information. Email is checked daily and responses will typically occur within 24 hours. If an email is sent after 3:00 p.m. on Friday, the teacher may check/respond on the following Monday. Staff is not required to check email on holidays, weekends, or when school is not in session.

Staff members also receive voice mail. Please contact the main campus number to request a transfer to individual staff voice mail.

***Distribution of
Campus
Information and
Materials***

Notices of current and upcoming events are sent to parents via e-mail. Please inform the school office if you require a printed copy to be sent home. Grade level and/or special program newsletters also provide information on events, curriculum, and items of interest to parents and students. Campus web sites are maintained and can be accessed through www.southlakecarroll.edu.

Flyers, brochures, and informational pamphlets are located in or near the front entrance of each campus. Such items may include PTO distributions, school posters, brochures, etc. Prior approval by the principal must be obtained in advance before placing materials in this area.

General Information

Arrival/Dismissal

All elementary campuses have specific guidelines and procedures for student arrival and dismissal. This information can be obtained from each student's home campus upon enrollment.

***Behavioral
Expectations***

All elementary students are encouraged to respect each individual they come in contact with in the school setting. Parents and students are invited to partner with the school as together we model respect of individual differences. Expectations for behavior are outlined specifically in the CISD Student Code of Conduct and will be enforced consistently at every

campus. As with all discipline guidelines, these rules are not inclusive. If a behavior occurs that is not mentioned in the rules, campus administrators will investigate, evaluate, and respond accordingly.

Buses

All students who ride the bus must have a bus pass issued by the district. Transportation allows students to ride home with other students on routes that are not regularly used. However, when this occurs, parents must notify the office in writing by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the request. Campus administrators will approve the request and a pass will be issued.

Communications: Telephones, Cell Phones, Pagers, Other Electronic Devices

Telephones in the building are for school business. **Students are able to use the phone for emergencies only. Calls home for forgotten homework or to plan after-school social events are not allowed.** During school hours, calls go to teachers' voice mail and are returned during conference periods or after school. Use of phones in the hall by parents is discouraged due to inadvertent disruption of instruction.

It is in each child's best interest to establish a predictable routine for transportation to and from school. Parents should discuss this routine with their child, and it should include changes due to inclement weather. When emergencies necessitate a change in plans, the school must be notified. Otherwise, the student will follow established routines. Parents may leave a message concerning a change of transportation plans with the school secretary by 2:00. We cannot guarantee that messages received after this time will be delivered to the child in time for dismissal.

Students may have cell phones and pagers in their possession at school. These devices must be turned off and stored out of sight from the time the first bell rings in the morning to release students to classes until the last bell rings to end the school day. Cell phones and pagers that are used, seen, or heard during classes or during these hours will be confiscated and given to the appropriate school administrator. Arrangement must be made with the parents to return the items. By law, all campuses may assess and collect a \$15 fee on the device before releasing the item. Students may be subjected to disciplinary action in these cases. *Board Policy FNCE (LOCAL)*

Students are prohibited from sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, and are illegal. The prohibition applies to conduct off school property if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment. Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct and may, in certain circumstances, be reported to law enforcement. This includes "sexting."

Conferences

Parents, teachers, and students may request conferences at any time. These meetings are particularly important if the student is not passing or is otherwise not performing at the expected levels. Please make every effort to meet with the teacher if you receive such a request.

Parents should call the office for an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Unscheduled parent conferences are not conducive to an accurate portrayal of student progress. *Board Policy EIA (LEGAL/LOCAL)*

Dress and Grooming

In order to maintain an orderly environment, all students shall be required to meet the minimum expectations of the dress and grooming code. A student is not considered appropriately dressed if he/she is, or tends to be, a disruptive influence in class or at a school-related activity because of the mode of dress or appearance. Please keep in mind that EVERY campus implements incentives, or special occasions, that may deviate from general guidelines for dress. These are typically temporary and communicated by staff.

The policy concerning dress and grooming for all students shall be as follows:

- Hair should be clean and well groomed at all times.
- No muscle shirts, bare midriffs or backless attire is acceptable.
- Pants, shorts, dresses or skirts shall fit properly, worn at the waist (covering all undergarments), and be of reasonable length in proportion to the height of the individual.
- Students will not wear slogan buttons or clothing with inappropriate or suggestive slogans or advertising on it. Prohibited are pictures, emblems, clothing, or writing on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene; that depict a cult; that represent gang membership, or that advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under school policy. Also prohibited is any clothing or grooming that, in the principal's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations.
- Students are to wear athletic type shoes to school on P.E. days. Appropriate shoes should be worn at school for recess.

The building administration will use discretion concerning the dress code. When there is a question on the dress or appearance of a student, the school authorities' decision will be final. Students shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If it cannot be corrected, the parent will be notified. Repeated violations will result in disciplinary actions by campus administrators.

***Emergency
Information***

In case of an emergency, each student is required to have on file in the school office the information below. Please notify the office of any changes, especially of emergency contacts.

1. Parents(s) or guardian(s) name(s).
2. Complete up-to-date address.
3. Home phone number, cell phone number and parent(s) work phone numbers.
4. Emergency phone numbers of friends or relatives. (*Students will not be released to any adult that is not listed on school record.*)
5. Physician's name and phone numbers.
6. Medical alert information.

Anytime both parents are going to be out-of-town, the parents must write a note to the teacher and the office stating:

1. Dates when they will be gone.
2. Care givers names and telephone numbers.
3. Modifications to routines regarding transportation to and from school.

Field Trips

Field trips are scheduled by classroom teachers throughout the school year. These trips are designed to supplement different aspects of the classroom curriculum and to introduce students to the resources of the community. Parents will receive notices of field trips well in advance of scheduled trip date and will usually be asked to sign field trip permission forms. Sometimes a small amount of money may be requested from each student to help defray transportation or facility use costs. Please notify the nurse if medications need to be taken on the trip.

We believe that field trips are a privilege, not a right. Our expectations for students are that they exhibit positive behaviors. If a student proves through his/her personal behavioral choices that they are not responsible to represent their school at the highest level, then he/she will not be permitted to go on the trip.

Alternative activities and instruction will be provided to students not attending field trips.

Students should come to school during regular hours to participate in these planned alternative activities. In the event that the school chooses to deny a student from attending a field trip, any funds that are refundable will be returned to the parents as soon as possible.

Lost and Found

All clothing found on the campus, regardless of its value, is placed in the designated Lost and Found area on each campus. The school administration and staff cannot be responsible for valuables that students bring to school. It is recommended that all valuables be left at home. However, when money, jewelry, or other articles of value are turned into the office, parents or students may claim them after proper identification. Lost and found items not claimed will be donated to charity at the end of each semester.

Lunch

All students, preschool through grade 4, have a 30-minute lunch period. Students may buy lunch in the cafeteria or bring lunch from home. A menu is posted on the website and sent home at the beginning of each month so that parents and students know what is offered daily. Only one dessert may be purchased and students have a choice of juice, water or milk. Computerized lunch cards will be utilized by the students and may be paid for daily, weekly, or monthly, depending on how much money is deposited into the student's account. Parents are encouraged to prepay lunches. Siblings **may not** share money between accounts. Parents can access and make deposits online at <https://www.lunchmoneynow.com/lmncrl/Main.htm>. A free or reduced price lunch is available to those children who qualify. Parents may pick up an application in the school office.

Carroll ISD allows preschool - grade 8 students to charge an amount not to exceed a \$5.00 negative balance per account if pre-paid funds are not available at the time of the transaction. Accounts with charged balances shall be repaid promptly. If no form of payment is available at lunchtime, students may receive an alternate meal consisting of a sandwich and milk.

Parents may bring in lunch for their own child but **may not** bring in food or drink for other children. Students will not be interrupted during instructional time to pick up their lunch. Each campus has a designated area where these lunches may be placed.

Lunch Visitors

All lunch visitors are required to sign in at the front office and obtain a visitor pass prior to proceeding to the cafeteria.

Parental Involvement

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is a non-profit voluntary organization whose membership is open to all persons who are concerned with the welfare of children and youth. It is the goal of the PTO to help achieve better lives for youth and children by providing educational programs, strengthening cooperation between the school and home, supporting projects, and by communicating and resolving concerns. Membership in the PTO is available when the appropriate dues have been paid.

Parents are encouraged to join and take an active role in the Parent Teacher Organization. Meetings are held on a regular basis and include topics of interest as well as special programs. The PTO sponsors a telephone directory for families and a monthly newsletter. They sponsor several fund raising events a year with the proceeds going to purchase items such as instructional supplies for the classroom and pay for special programs for the students. (*Participation in fund raising events is always voluntary.*) Information about the PTO is available on-line or in the school office.

Each elementary campus has an excellent Parent Volunteer Program. Many parents work with school staff to enhance the learning experience for students. Those parents who are unable to come to school to work are encouraged to participate from home. Please inquire in the office about special jobs that are available to those who are not able to volunteer on a regular basis. Information on the Parent Volunteer Program is available at registration.

Parties

The state allows a maximum of three parties held by each class annually. These dates are determined individually by elementary campuses.

Special treats may be brought for your child to share after lunch on his/her birthday. They may be eaten in the classroom at the end of the day or at recess. All other treats given in the class must follow the state policy. Arrangements must be made through the teacher and the items must be store bought. Party invitations may be distributed at school only if every child in the class receives one.

Pets

No pets of any kind are allowed at school; many students are afraid of animals and/or are highly allergic. Teachers may give permission for pets to be brought to school as part of a special activity. However, under no circumstances may a potentially dangerous pet be brought to school.

Pictures

In the fall semester, individual student pictures will be taken. Additionally, group and individual pictures will be taken during the spring semester. There is a make-up date planned shortly after the fall session only. These photos are used for class projects and for the campus yearbook. Parents will be notified of these dates in advance and will have the opportunity to purchase packages offered by the photographer.

Recess

District guidelines determine appropriateness of outside conditions. Wind chill, precipitation, ozone level, temperature, and wet grounds are some of the factors that are considered when determining cancellation or the shortening of recess. Teachers are encouraged in making decisions regarding students based on individual health needs or considerations beyond these general guidelines. Teacher discretion is encouraged.

1. Recess is scheduled for approximately 30 minutes.
2. There will be no outside recess or PE if the temperature or heat index is above 100 degrees.
3. On ozone alert days, outside recess and PE will be restricted to 15 minutes.
4. Teachers will use caution on days with extreme temperatures or heat indexes.
5. Teachers will ensure that students have access to adequate water prior to and after outside play.
6. During winter months, students will not have recess or PE class outside if the temperature or wind chill factor drops below 36 degrees.
7. On days when temperature is unseasonably cold, outside recess will be limited to 15 minutes.
8. Students will not be allowed outside for recess when there is evidence of lightning in the immediate area.

Safety

Student safety on campus and at school-related events is a high priority of the District. Although the District has implemented safety procedures, the cooperation of students is essential to ensure school safety. A student shall do the following:

- Avoid conduct that is likely to put the student or other students at risk.
- Follow the behavioral standards in this handbook, as well as any additional rules for behavior and safety set by the principal, teachers, or bus drivers.
- Remain alert to, and promptly report to a teacher or the principal, any safety hazards, such as intruders on campus and threats made by any person toward a student or staff member.
- Be knowledgeable of emergency evacuation routes and signals.
- Close outside doors and follow campus security procedures.
- Immediately follow the instructions of teachers, bus drivers, and other District employees who are overseeing the welfare of students.

Study Skills

A parent can help his/her child become aware of the skills and techniques that enhance learning. The following are student guidelines for achieving good study habits.

1. Come to class prepared with pencil, paper, and other necessary materials.
2. Be an active participant, listen well, and take part in class discussion and activities.
3. Ask questions to clarify problems.
4. Plan your day and schedule time for homework.
5. Use what is learned and apply it to new situations.
6. Strive to do the very best work possible.

Visitors to the Campus

All visitors and volunteers must sign in and out in the front office and wear a badge or sticker while on campus.

Health Services

Communicable Diseases/ Conditions

Parents of students with a communicable or contagious disease are asked to telephone the school nurse so that other students who have been exposed to the disease can be alerted. Students with certain diseases are not allowed to attend school while their disease is contagious. These include chicken pox, mumps, measles, ringworm of the scalp, lice, fever, pink eye, fifth disease, and strep throat. More information can be obtained in the district handbook for students.

Emergency Medical Treatment and Information

If a student has a medical emergency at school or a school-related activity when the parent cannot be reached, the school will need to have written parental consent on file in order to obtain emergency medical treatment and to share information about allergies to medications, foods, insect bites, etc. Parents should keep emergency care information up-to-date, including the name of the doctor, emergency phone numbers, allergies, etc.

Health Assessments

Vision and hearing screenings will be done for all *preschool*, kindergarten, 1st graders, 3rd graders and all students new to the district. Acanthosis nigricans screenings will be done on all 1st and 3rd graders.

If your child has had an injury outside of school or a surgery, please bring him/her and a release to return to school to the nurse's office prior to returning to class. The nurse will review doctor's orders for care at school, including medication distribution and restrictions/accommodations that must occur in the school environment.

Scheduled surgeries or procedures that may impact your child at school should be discussed with a school nurse prior to the event.

Health Clinic

The school nurse is responsible for health records, hygiene counseling, and general medical conditions. She keeps records of students' health and weight and does vision and hearing screenings on students. Also, she screens for acanthosis nigricans which is a precursor to diabetes Type 2. The nurse can not make a diagnosis or write prescriptions.

Please do not send your child to school if he/she is ill or has a temperature of 100 degrees or above. The health and safety of all children will be enhanced by following these guidelines. Your child must be 24 hours free of fever without Tylenol or Advil and not throwing-up for 24 hours before they return to school. Antibiotics must be taken for 24 hours before returning to school.

If a child is sent home ill they may return the same day if they have a doctor's release or are cleared by the nurse. If a student is having any medical problems, they need to come to the nurse's office. Teachers will not allow the student to call their parents from the classroom.

If your child becomes ill, you or someone designated by you will be contacted to pick up your child. It is imperative that all phone numbers be completed on the enrollment card and be updated immediately should they change during the year. All medication needs to be provided by the parents. Also, write a note to indicate the time given at home and the time to be given at school.

Please provide the nurse with any changes in health conditions that may need her professional support. Doctor's orders are needed for activity restrictions. Please present these to the nurse upon return to school and an accommodation plan will be developed and implemented until new orders are received.

Medicine at School All medications, prescription and nonprescription, brought to the school must be taken to the school clinic for dispensing. Students may not be in possession of any prescription or nonprescription drug on school grounds during school hours.

The following procedures must be met in order for medication to be administered at school:

1. All medication, prescription and over-the-counter, must be provided by a parent or legal guardian. If it is a controlled substance, e.g. Ritalin, it must be transported by a parent or legal guardian, and the medication will be counted upon its arrival in the health clinic. Students may have a special exception to this rule for asthma inhalers (see #8).
2. A parent or legal guardian must complete a Carroll ISD Medical Request Form for all medications. Parents or legal guardians may get the forms from the school office.
3. Each prescription must be in the original prescription bottle with a prescription label bearing the student's name, the name of the medication, and instructions for giving the medication. Pharmacies can supply two (2) labeled bottles for this purpose. An extra bottle is required if medication is to be administered on a field trip.
4. Non-prescription medicine must be in the original container labeled with the student's name, the name of the medication, and instructions for giving the medication.
5. Sample prescription and alternative medicine must be labeled with the student's name and accompanied by a signed Texas Board Certified physician order, with a patient information sheet listing its ingredients, actions, and side effects.
6. Dietary supplements and other nutritional aids not approved as medication by the FDA will not be dispensed by school personnel.
7. All medication will be placed in a locked cabinet in the health clinic; an exception may be made for asthma inhalers (see #8 below).
8. Students may carry and use asthma inhalers if they have completed the District's Asthma Inhaler Form.
9. The District can assume no responsibility for loss or negligent behavior when students carry conventional or alternative medication or dietary supplements without the knowledge of the campus health service personnel. Noncompliance may be subject to disciplinary action.

Any unused medication will be destroyed two weeks after last dosage. Medication will not be sent home with a student. It must be picked up by a parent or legal guardian at the school health clinic.

Special Programs

- Art** All students in kindergarten through fourth grade attend art class at the elementary level. Students are encouraged to express themselves through art and achieve their personal best. The art curriculum interweaves art production, history, critique and appreciation. Students explore a variety of materials including tempera, watercolor, clay, pastels, crayons, markers and fiber.
- C.A.R.E.** C.A.R.E. reading classes, taught by trained reading specialists, are offered to eligible students in order to foster reading success. Parents of these students are notified when selected and must provide consent, prior to the delivery of C.A.R.E. services.
- Computer Lab** All students in kindergarten through fourth grade attend the technology lab. One goal of the lab is to provide a meaningful link between our curriculum and technology. State guidelines governing technology are used to plan the lessons and activities the children complete in the computer lab and in their classrooms.
- Counseling** A counselor is on staff at each elementary school. The major focus of the District Guidance Program is based on *The Comprehensive Guidance Program for Texas Public Schools*. The areas addressed in the guidance program are self-esteem, motivation to achieve, decision-making, goal setting, planning and problem-solving skills, interpersonal effectiveness, communication skills, cross-cultural awareness, and responsible behavior. The counselor also provides service to those students who have personal concerns or problems that may interfere with their continued personal, social, and/or academic development. Parenting materials and seminars are available for parents.
- Library** The library is open during regular school hours and is supervised by a certified librarian. Classes visit the library on a weekly basis for checkout purposes. In addition, classes are scheduled for lessons on research and library skills as well as for literature appreciation. Students are allowed to use the library during the school day with the permission of their classroom teacher. They may use the library to read, check out books, return books, do reference work, or work on special projects. Students are allowed to check out one or two books, depending on their grade level, for a period of one week. The library collection is constantly updated and expanded. Books are chosen for educational purposes as well as recreational reading. A variety of audio-visual materials are available for teacher use in the classroom. All materials are chosen according to the district selection policy.
- Music** Elementary music is a place where we teach not only the fundamentals of music, but more importantly, the ENJOYMENT of music. From kindergarten through fourth grade, students learn how to count rhythm, read and interpret the symbols they find in music scores, and play/sing pieces of music. Students learn to play un-pitched percussions instruments, pitched instruments, and learn songs with choreography.
- PALS** Some students are partnered with high school students called “PALS”. The goal is to have the PALS model appropriate social skills and work with students in social situations on campus.
- Physical Education** The elementary focus is on providing a noncompetitive atmosphere where every student has the chance for success and our emphasis is on doing your personal best! The kindergarten through second grade curriculum focuses on fundamental movement skills, lead-up games, good sportsmanship and cooperation that develop strength, endurance, and flexibility. In third and fourth grades, students participate in more dynamic game situations. Sport-specific skills appropriate for their age will also be introduced which will include game strategies, rules, and etiquette. This includes responding to winning and losing with dignity and understanding.

QUEST

QUEST is a program designed to enrich and challenge the gifted and talented students in the Carroll Independent School District. It meets all state guidelines for programs for gifted and talented students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students are assessed using standardized test scores for ability, creative thinking, achievement, and also parent/teacher questionnaires. Once identified, gifted students in first through fourth grade are served weekly in pullout classes taught by the QUEST teacher. (*Kindergarten services begin the second six weeks.*)

Science Lab

Instruction in the lab follows classroom instruction enriching the students' learning through "hands-on" and inquiry based activities. Teachers coordinate lessons to maximize student enjoyment while meeting the requirements of the curriculum.