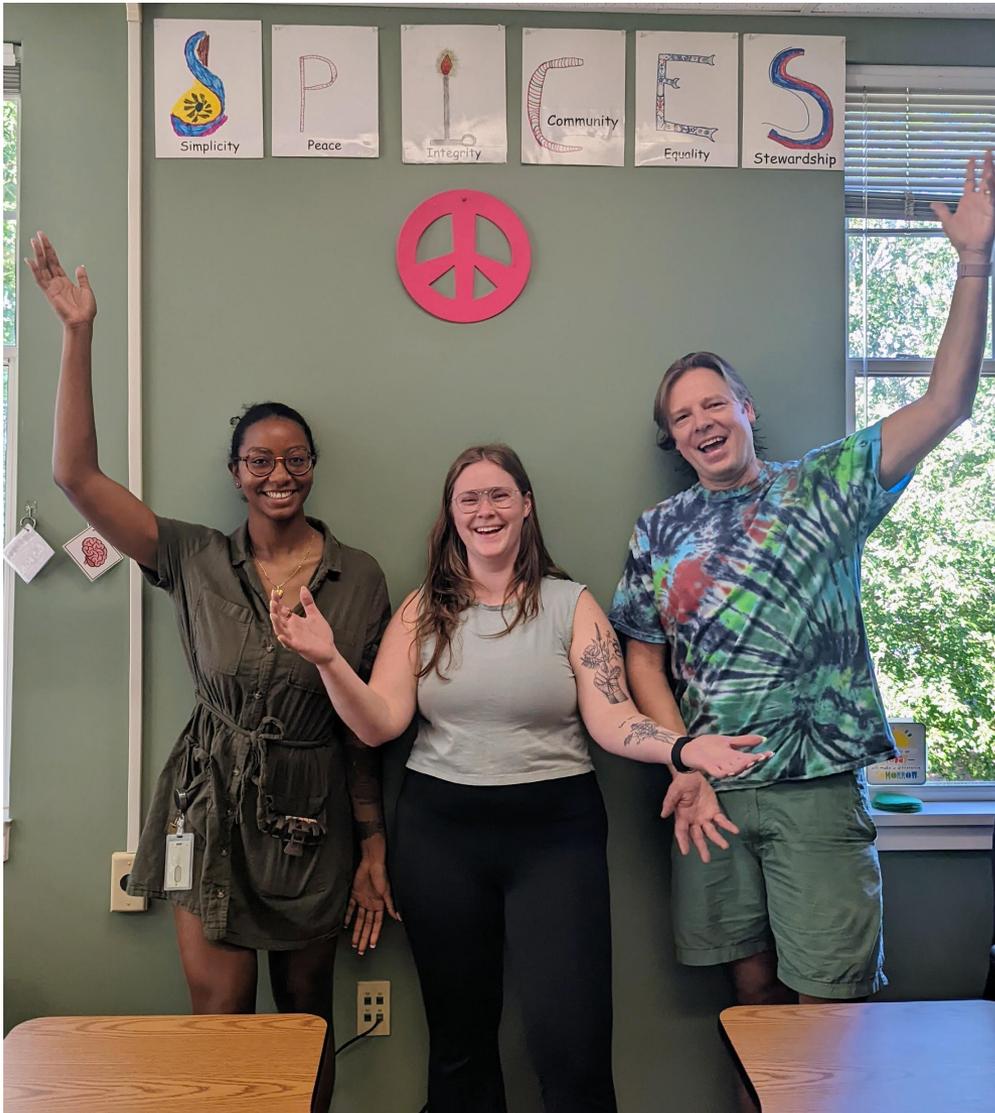




New Garden
FRIENDS SCHOOL

Horizon (rising 3rd) Transition Meeting Welcome!

MEET THE TEACHERS



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NGFS MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by Quaker values,
New Garden Friends School
is committed to being an
inclusive educational community
that honors and develops
each person's gifts.**

OUR MULTI-AGE CLASS

- Having students in class for two years enables Horizon teachers to get to know them deeply as individuals.
- In our first year with students, we get to know their individual social, emotional, and learning strengths and challenges. The following year, we are able to help them continue building on their next steps and recognize and celebrate their wonderful progress.
- Staying in the same multi-grade class for two years allows students one less transition to get familiar with different teachers, classroom spaces, routines, and expectations.
- Returning fourth graders feel comfortable and confident in their surroundings. They help to set a positive tone and example for classmates who are new to Horizon.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

We begin each day together with Morning Meeting.

We develop a caring, inclusive class community through:

- class discussions and read-alouds
- cooperative games
- team building activities

We have many special class traditions:

- Friday Thank Yous
- Polar Express Day
- Simple Gifts



BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

We encourage children to develop more independence. Students do this through:

- carrying their own belongings to and from school
- settling into our classrooms each morning
- maintaining an organized cubby and workspace
- managing multi-step projects to learn how to break tasks into manageable pieces
- taking responsibility for classroom jobs
- building confidence and self sufficiency through field trips and overnight class trips



ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

Arrival:

- Classrooms open at 7:45 am.
- Students that arrive before 7:45 am must go to morning Extended Care.
- Please allow time for your child to settle in class begins promptly at 8:00 am.

Dismissal:

- Dismissal is at 3:10 pm at the car line.
- Students not picked up by 3:20 pm will be taken to afternoon Extended Care.



OUR SCHEDULE

Monday-Thursday

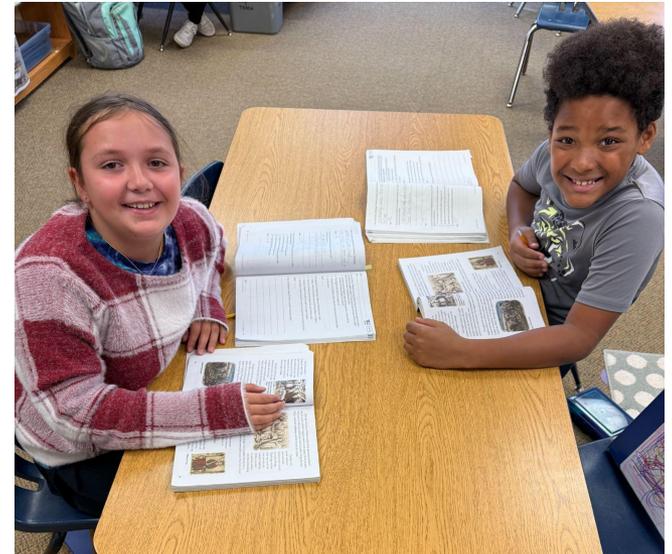
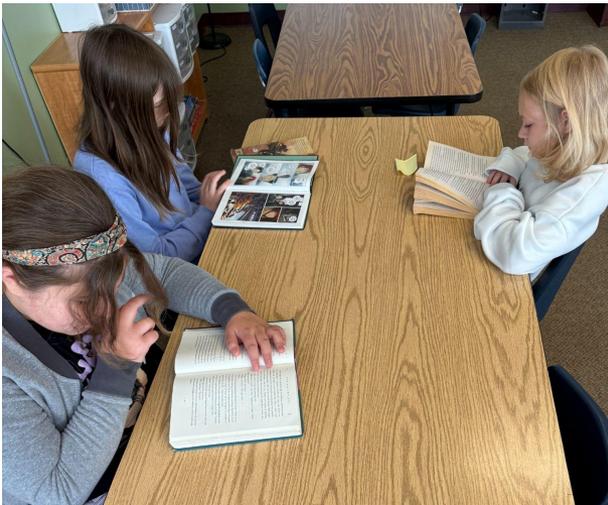
7:45-8:00	Arrival
8:00-8:30	Morning Meeting
8:30-9:30	3rd: Math, 4th: Literacy
9:30-10:30	3rd: Literacy, 4th: Math
10:30-11:10	Snack & Break
11:10-12:10	3rd: Literacy, 4th: Cafe Block
12:10-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:40	3rd: Cafe Block, 4th: Literacy
1:40-2:00	Outside Time
2:00-3:10	Resources
3:10	Dismissal

Friday

7:45-8:00	Arrival
8:00-8:15	Morning Meeting
8:15-8:50	Meeting for Worship
8:50-9:50	3rd: Math, 4th: Literacy
9:50-10:25	Flex Learning
10:25-11:00	Snack & Break
11:00-12:00	3rd: Literacy, 4th: Math
12:00-12:30	Wellness/Spanish
12:30-1:30	Lunch & Break
1:30-2:30	Service Learning
2:30-3:00	Enrichment/Support
3:00-3:10	Friday Thank yous
3:10	Dismissal

CKLA - Reading and Writing

- Split by grade level
- Decoding skills and strategies as well as comprehension
- Reading and Writing program based on the Science of Reading
- Builds content knowledge, vocabulary, and reading comprehension alongside research-based foundational skill instruction.



UNIT STUDY

Social Curriculum

Mix of Science and Social Studies

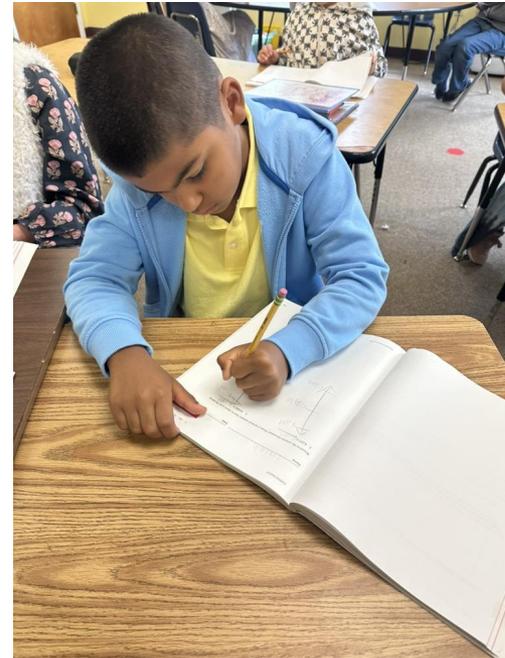
Learn through:

- hands-on investigations
- small group work
- class discussions
- guest speakers
- field trips



Eureka Math²®

- Taught by grade level
- Eureka Math² Curriculum
- Accessible to various levels of learners
- Partner and small group work to reinforce concepts
- Each unit builds upon previous skills



RESOURCE CLASSES



- **PE with Charles**
- **Art with Maura**
- **Music or Violin with Jeannie**
 - At the Horizon level, Violins are provided by NGFS or can be rented from several local music stores

RESOURCE CLASSES



A MUSIC MESSAGE FROM JEANNIE



FRIDAYS

- Meeting for Worship
- Service Learning
- Academics



HOMEWORK

Regular homework assignments:

- Reading nightly with a parent/guardian or sibling or independently. Student reads for at least 20 minutes and records progress in a reading log. Weekly reading logs are kept in their homework folder.
- Fourth grade: Weekly math homework
- Book Club (three times a year)

Students work hard throughout the school day.

We respect the need for students to have balance between school, family, outside interests, and down time. We do not want homework to cause undue stress.

- 30 minute rule

STUDY SESSION

Wednesdays 3:20-4 P.M. for extra support

- Must arrange in advance - may be requested by the teacher or by the student or parent/guardian
- Students can opt in to come to study session for extra time in the Horizon space or extra teacher support
- Recommended when a student has been absent - attend the next study session after the absence to make up missed class instruction and any classwork not completed at home.

DAY FIELD TRIPS

- To enhance our curriculum and build community, we go on several day trips throughout the school year.



OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIPS

Overnight trips begin in Horizon with 2 overnight trips.

- In October, we go on our one-night fall trip.
- Our spring trip is three nights for 3rd graders and four nights for 4th graders.



AUXILIARY - CLUBS

- After school offerings
- Sessions typically last 5-8 weeks
- Recent offerings:
 - Run Club
 - Chess Club
 - Ultimate Frisbee Club



COMMUNICATION

Emails

- Class information, announcements, and event details

NGFS App

- event reminders (examples: arrival time for a field trip; due dates)

Weekly Community Newsletter

- sent via email

“Horizon Class News” Webpage

- The [webpage](#) includes “Class Emails”, “Upcoming Events”, and “Class Resource” sections and weekly classroom news posts.

Email is the best way to contact us.

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Thank you for joining us!

Questions?

