



New Garden
FRIENDS SCHOOL

Rainbow (Rising 1st) Transition Meeting

Welcome!

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.**

MEET THE TEACHERS



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Arrival, Dismissal, and Extended Care

- **Arrival is from 7:45-8:00 a.m.**
- **Students may be walked to the classroom door or dropped off in the carpool line.**
- **If you arrive after 8:00 a.m, you must walk your child to the office to sign them in.**
- **Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Please park and pick up your child from the classroom.**
- **Extended Care is available before school starting at 7:30 a.m. and after school until 6 p.m.**

Olivia
Director of
Extended Care



OUR MULTI-GRADE CLASS

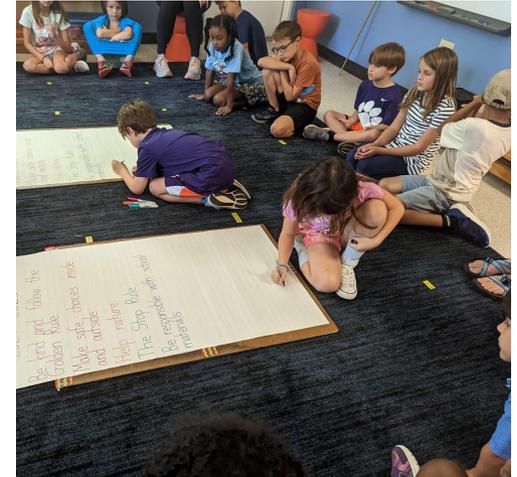
- **Benefits of having students for two years**
- **Teachers know students and their learning styles**
- **Build relationships and community**
- **Rainbow traditions - second grade leaders**



BUILDING COMMUNITY

We develop a caring, inclusive class community through:

- Morning Meeting each day
- Meeting for Worship once a week
- Class discussions and read alouds
- Cooperative games and activities
- Guidelines process at the start of the year



BUILDING INDEPENDENCE

In Rainbow we encourage children to develop more independence including:

- Carrying their own belongings to and from school
- Settling into our classrooms each morning
- Opening lunch containers, refilling water bottles
- No rest time, slightly longer day
- Rainbow-Galaxy Buddies walk to Meeting House



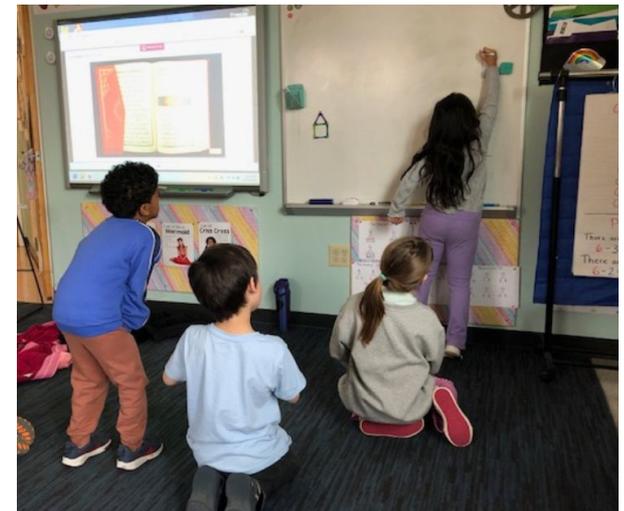
CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) - Skills

- 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



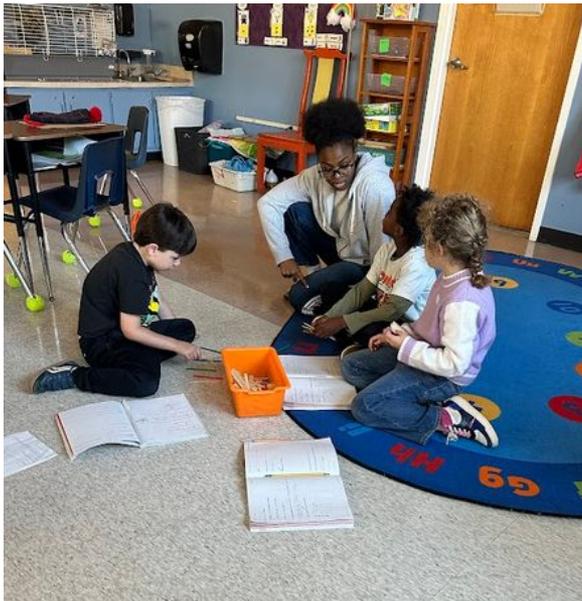
CKLA - Knowledge

- Split by grade
- Science and Social studies topics
- Whole group read alouds and discussions
- Written responses, hands-on activities



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



CHOICE TIME & UNIT STUDY

- Cooperative learning and partner work
- Hands-on learning
- Inquiry
- Opportunity for family volunteers!



RESOURCE CLASSES

Students have two resource classes a day,
Monday-Thursday.

- Art - Maura
- PE - Charles
- Music - Jeannie



SERVICE LEARNING

Grades 1-4 Weekly Service Learning

- Combine with Horizon (grades 3-4) students and teachers into small groups
- 5 rotations of 4 weeks each
- Group Examples:
 - Earth Care
 - Friends of Furry Friends
 - Random Acts of Kindness



OUR SCHEDULE

MONDAY-THURSDAY

- 7:45 Arrival
- 8:00 Morning Meeting
- 8:30 1st: Math, 2nd: Literacy
- 9:30 Snack & Outside Time
- 10:00 1st: Literacy, 2nd: Math
- 11:00 Knowledge (by grade level)
- 12:10 Lunch
- 12:40 Resources
- 1:40 Outside Time
- 2:00 Choice Time/Enrichment
- 3:00 Dismissal



OUR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 7:45 Arrival
- 8:00 Morning Meeting
- 8:15 Meeting for Worship
- 8:50 Math/Literacy (by grade level)
- 9:50 Flex Time / Wellness
- 10:20 Snack & Break
- 10:50 Flex Time
- 11:25 Literacy/Math (by grade level)
- 12:25 Lunch & Break
- 1:30 Service Learning
- 2:30 Enrichment/Support
- 3:00 Dismissal



HOMEWORK

- No required homework
- Optional practice pages sent home
- Lots of notice for special projects (examples: Halloween costumes, 100th Day project)
- We do encourage reading every day!



FIELD TRIPS

- **Day Trips**
- **1-2 per trimester**
- **During regular school hours**
- **Students ride on school buses**
- **Parent chaperones are included when possible**
 - Parents drive personal cars to allow students to build independence
- **End of year Family Campout (optional overnight)**



COMMUNICATION

Early in the 2026-27 school year, we will share information about the year in Rainbow at the Parent Night meeting.

During the school year, we regularly communicate with:

Emails or Remind (best way to reach teachers)

- class information, announcements, event details

NGFS App

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

Weekly Community Newsletter

- sent via email

Class News webpage “Rainbow Class News”

- includes “Class Emails”, “Upcoming Events”, and “Class Resource” sections and weekly classroom news posts

THANK YOU

Questions?



Thanks for coming!