

# **JCS Manzanita Elementary**

## **K-5 Academy**

**... a better way to learn and thrive**

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# History of JCS



**JCS FAMILY**  
OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

**Middle  
& High**

2000-  
2005

**Home  
study**

**Learning  
Centers**

2005-  
2017

**Elementary**

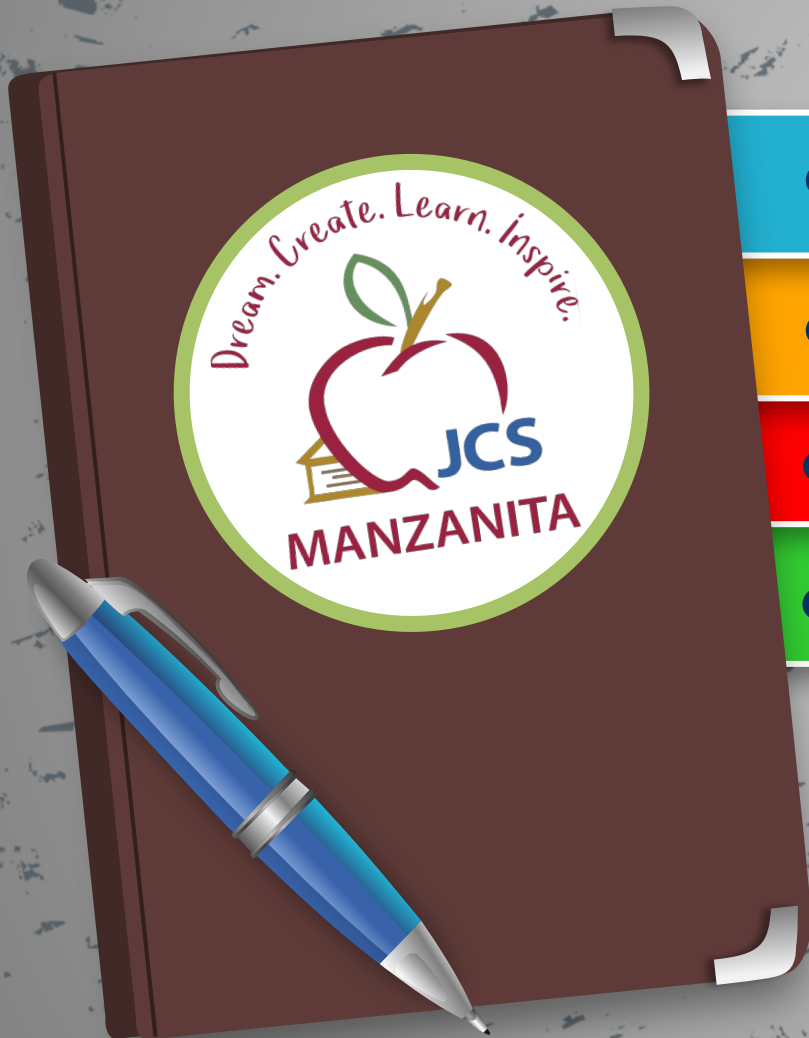
2017-  
now

**JCS  
Manzanita  
TK-12**





# JCS MANZANITA



- K-5 Academy Program
- JCS Manzanita - established in September 2018
- Originally ICLM - established August 2012
- 4 Day/Week Program with Friday Home Study

**“We are dedicated to finding  
a better way for students  
to learn and thrive.”**

# Connection Between School and Home

- Receive instruction from highly-qualified credentialed teachers
  - Personalized instruction builds student confidence and encourages academic achievement
  - Students become inquisitive, life-long learners
- 75% of Education

**We truly believe this is crucial to student success.**



**Together we meet the needs of the whole child in a positive and nurturing environment.**

- Parents provide student guidance on home study days
  - Opportunity to collaborate in the best interest of their child
  - Staff is dedicated to supporting parents at home
- 25% of Education



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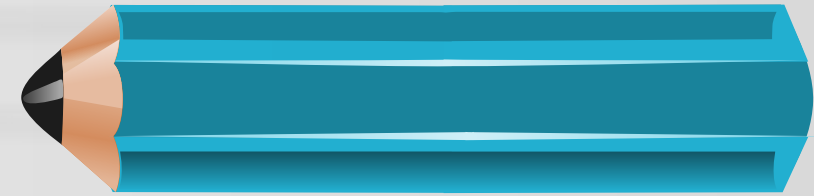
## Small School Community

- *no more than 25 students per class, 1 class per grade*



## Personalized Instruction

- *teachers work to know every child's learning styles, strengths and needs, encouraging confidence and academic achievement*



## Student Character Development

- *develop strong personal and peer relationships*



## Connection Between Homes and School

- *crucial to student success*
- *active parent community of volunteers*





# Daily Schedule

**Drop off: 8:30-9:00**  
\*breakfast 8:30-8:50

**Recess: K-1 10:10-10:30**  
2-3 10:20-10:40  
4-5 10:30-10:50

**Lunch: K-1 12:00-12:30**  
2-3 12:15-12:45  
4-5 12:30-1:00  
\*eat first, play second

**Recess: K-1 1:45-2:00pm**  
2-3 2:00-2:15pm

**Pick up: 3:00 (A-\_\_)**  
3:15 (\_\_-Z)



# Curriculum

## English/Language Arts

- Balanced Literacy
  - Reading Workshop
  - Writer's Workshop

## Mathematics

- Zearn/Eureka
  - differentiation in multiple learning platforms

## Science and Social Studies

- lessons follow NGSS and CCSS approved standards

## Physical Education

- PE classes once a week

## Art

- Teacher and parent docent art lessons

## Sanford Harmony

- social-emotional and character development

## 21st Century Skills

- communication, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity

# **English Language Arts Curriculum**

## **Balanced Literacy:**

a balance of whole language and phonics-based instruction

### **- Five Components:**

- read aloud
- shared reading
- guided reading
- independent reading
- word study

***Allows students to develop a***

- Equal attention to reading and writing instruction

- Reading and writing are interdependent, instruction in one supports learning in the other.

- Interactive and hands-on
- Rotation in Collaborative Groups
- Continually producing writing with editing and revisions

***love for reading and writing!!***



# Mathematics Curriculum

**Zearn/Eureka:** curriculum that includes instructional materials and digital online materials

**Differentiation:** materials are aligned, connected, and cover the same concepts in multiple learning platforms

- provides a variety of ways to approach problems
- provides practice for application of problems
- use of manipulatives for great hands-on understanding
- project-based math activities
- online resources available for at home learning and reinforcement

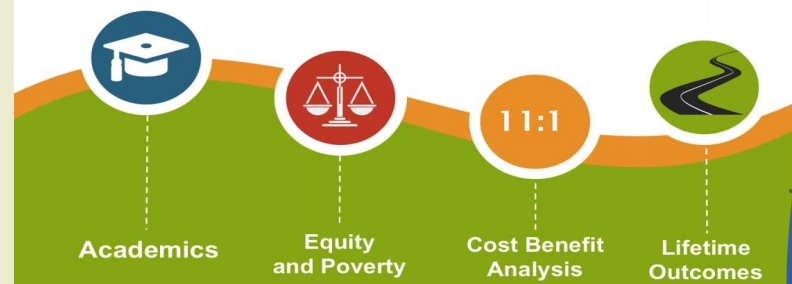
# SANFORD HARMONY™



## What is Sanford Harmony?

- ***Social Emotional Learning Curriculum***
- researched and developed by educators at Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics at ASU
- Researchers identified practical strategies, stories, activities, and lessons for improving relationships, teaching empathy, increasing student confidence and reducing bullying

## SEL has an impact on...



# 21st Century Skills




## Communication

- Effective Listening
- Delivering Oral Presentations
- Communicate Using Digital Media
- Engaging in Conversations & Discussions
- Communicating in Diverse Environments

**Writing to:**

- Inform
- Support an Argument With Claims
- Engage and Entertain



## Critical Thinking

- Information & Discovery
- Interpretation & Analysis
- Reasoning
- Constructing Arguments
- Problem Solving
- Systems Thinking



## Collaboration

- Leadership & Initiative
- Cooperation
- Flexibility
- Responsibility & Productivity
- Collaborate Using Digital Media
- Responsiveness & Constructive Feedback



## Creativity

- Idea Generation
- Idea Design & Refinement
- Openness & Courage to Explore
- Work Creatively with Others
- Creative Production & Innovation



## **Home Study Projects**

**Projects allow for  
students to choose a  
preferred in-depth  
area of study/focus**

**Living History  
Museum  
(Fall)**

**Project Week  
(Winter)**

**Art Showcase  
(Winter)**



***Manzanita  
PTO***

***Supports our  
School***

***Builds  
Community***

***Fundraisers for  
Student  
Activities***

# JCS Manzanita Student Expectations



## Academy Policies

- *Student Behavior Expectations*
- *Academic Expectations*



## Independent Study

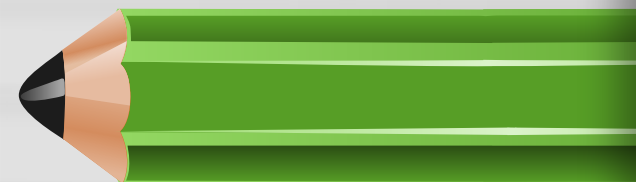
- *Homework vs. Home Study*

*assigned nightly*

*assigned Fridays and  
home study days*



## Enrollment Process



# **JCS Manzanita Enrollment Process**

## **New JCS Manzanita Students**

- 1. Complete Academy Application**
- 2. Complete online JCS Enrollment**
- 3. Back to School Orientation**

**(Master Agreement, Verification of Documentation, Site Policies, Events Calendar, etc.)**



***Questions?***

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