

Sutterville Elementary School

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Our mission is to build confident, well-rounded learners who will apply their knowledge, skills, and abilities to life's opportunities and challenges. Students will develop and grow their individual talents, critical thinking, and life skills by being actively engaged in project-based learning. Our teachers, staff, and administrators will help students advance in their individual learning objectives while also teaching them to be effective members of teams, responsible citizens, and productive members of society. We do this by providing our students a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment that enables them to succeed in mastering our challenging, enriching curriculum.

Sutterville Highlights

Multi-age Kindergarten/First Grade Program

- Kindergarteners are paired with First Grade mentors ("Cubs" and "Bears").
- Teachers co-teach to provide creative writing and art enrichment, and academic support.

Leadership Focus: We are a "Leader in Me" School

- Social-emotional learning around the 7 Habits by Stephen R. Covey helps students learn to work well with others, accomplish their goals and become leaders.

Challenging Common Core Curriculum

- Our focus on high-level academic discourse, both oral and written, as well as high-quality tasks ensures that our students are academically prepared for the 21st century.
- All classrooms receive hands-on science experiences via the Effie Yeaw Science Center.

GATE Strand: 2nd – 6th grade

- Expanded curriculum provides opportunities for advanced students to extend their learning.

Inclusive Practices

- All our students who qualify for Special Education services are fully integrated in general education classes.

Fine Arts Instruction

- All 1st grade through 6th grade students receive weekly art instruction from a credentialed art teacher.
- Sutterville Choir, Orchestra and Band instruction and performance opportunities before- and after-school.
- Mr. Cooper, our musician-in-residence, sings with all Kindergarten through 2nd grade students, as well as providing a "Sing-along" Club after school.

School Culture and Extracurricular Activities

- ✓ **Clubs:** Homework, Chess, Stingray Club (before- and after-school tutoring), Sutterville Striders Running Club
- ✓ Honey Code, Mad Science and Young Engineers
- ✓ Spanish (3-6th) and Art Classes
- ✓ Girl Scouts
- ✓ Beginning & Advanced Orchestra and Band
- ✓ Sutterville Choir taught by credentialed music teacher
- ✓ Sing-along Club with Mr. Cooper
- ✓ **Family Events** include Fall Festival, Family Reading Night & Book Fair, Craft Fair, Disco-Bingo Family Night, Science Family Night, Multicultural Family Night, Orchestra & Band Concerts
- ✓ K/1, 1st Vegetable and Flower Gardens, Outdoor Classrooms and Butterfly Pavilion
- ✓ Beautiful Planted Courtyard with Benches and "Peace Pole"
- ✓ Overnight Field Trips in 4th, 5th and 6th grades

Strong Parent Involvement and Support

We are grateful for the strong financial support and volunteer participation of our PTA, School Site Council and English Learner Advisory Council. Because of this support, we are able offer our students many enriching experiences, including assemblies, fieldtrips, technology and artist-in-residence programs.