



first day of school. The Parent Teacher Organization is active and sponsors a variety of programs. The Kennedy School Family Resource Center reaches out to parents through classes, playgroups for young children, discussion groups and family cultural and fun activities. The school also provides after-school care through the fee-based Tree House program, in which students remain at school for play activities, homework time and clubs.

"I enjoy working on the computer and being Student of the Month."

Ashley A. – Grade 1

All Windsor schools are committed to increasing students' achievement. John F. Kennedy School has made much progress in increasing student performance and is committed to helping every child achieve his or her potential.

John F. Kennedy School

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★ John F. Kennedy Elementary School

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Windsor. First in Connecticut. First for its young people.

Windsor's John F. Kennedy School is located on a gentle hilltop in the town's west-central neighborhood. It is surrounded by 16 acres of playgrounds, soccer fields and softball diamonds. JFK's staff serves approximately 420 students in grades one through five.

As with all Windsor's schools, Kennedy School offers a comprehensive elementary-level curriculum with a focus on literacy in all subject areas. Windsor elementary schools take a "balanced literacy" approach to reading and writing. This approach incorporates numerous reading components and methodologies, such as phonics, vocabulary development, guided reading, independent reading and literacy centers, in order to help children become fluent and comprehending readers.

**"I like the media center.
I love to read."**

Nathaneal W. – Grade 4

Every day, students spend 90 uninterrupted minutes in literacy instruction, and their reading progress is measured on a regular basis. Every effort is made to challenge accelerated readers and identify struggling readers as quickly as possible. The students who are having difficulty can then be supported by classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, tutors and/or the language arts teacher leader through small group and individualized instruction in the areas of phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension.



Windsor's elementary schools use the Trailblazers Math program. In Trailblazers Math, students not only have to find the correct answers, but they have to be able to explain and justify the process they used to find the answer. Additional support and training in the area of mathematics are also provided through the math teacher leader. In science, students gain the background they need through a new science curriculum of interdisciplinary units that include a range of hands-on activities designed to challenge students at all levels. Teachers have received additional training, and a district science teacher/leader position has been created in order to support this ambitious elementary science program. Social studies classes complete the core curriculum.

**"Doing my Type III project on cats
was great! We raised money for
the Dog Pound"**

Julia M. – Grade 3

All Kennedy students have the opportunity to be involved in the educationally challenging and exciting experiences offered by the Challenge Resource Program, the district's gifted and talented program, which follows the schoolwide enrichment model. In the classroom, the Challenge Resource teacher provides activities that focus on higher-level thinking skills. The program provides additional opportunities for students with particular aptitude or interest in

**"The teachers try their best to help
all the students."**

Nicholas S. – Grade 3

language arts and math. A popular component of the Challenge Resource Program allows interested students to do independent research in an area of interest and then produce a product or service for presentation to an audience.

Kennedy's core curriculum is enhanced by programs in the library media center, visual arts, music (vocal, instrumental and strings) and physical education. Students can participate in the Suzuki String program as early as first grade and can also become involved in the school bands and choir. The school regularly welcomes visiting artists and speakers. The school's library media center has more than 10,000 volumes and is staffed by a full-time library media specialist. Classroom and library computers are networked and have access to the Internet. Additional technological resources include mobile computer labs and Smart Boards.

A range of support services is available to students who might need them, including a social worker, nurse, psychologist and speech and language clinician. In addition, Kennedy students participate in the school's character development program, which recognizes that success in school and in life depends not only on academic achievement but on individual character as well. In line with this emphasis on character, Kennedy students have a long tradition of participation in activities that benefit the larger community.

Kennedy School parents are actively involved in volunteer activities at the school. Parents regularly attend assemblies, accompany students on trips and outings, assist with various school programs and participate in celebrations such as First Day, a special event for the entire school community that marks the