

MILLS ELEMENTARY

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GRADES: K-6

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The mission of Mills Elementary School is to provide a positive environment in which every child's academic, emotional and social needs will be met every day in every way possible.

The school beliefs include:

- * Students can make academic gains in all subject areas.
- * Students can solve real world problems.
- * Students can read independently and for pleasure.
- * Students can comprehend at a high level.
- * Students can write to clarify their ideas and thoughts.
- * Students can learn to solve problems with one another in non-violent ways.
- * Students will be technologically literate.
- * Students will feel safe and cared for at school.
- * Students will see themselves as life-long learners.
- * Students will be motivated to learn.

OUR STAFF

Mills students benefit from the experienced knowledge of 23 certified teachers and 11 support staff members who continually pursue a higher level of instruction in education.

In addition to offering preschool through sixth grade, Mills also offers music, art, PE, SALSA, tutoring, enrichment, computer and RTI-Response to Intervention specialists. To encourage students' individual needs are met, Mills also provides a social worker, speech and language pathologist, nurse, occupational therapist and counselor on staff.

OUR CURRICULUM

Mills believes each child is an individual. Therefore, instruction meets the needs of each child. Student progress is monitored using AIMS Web, several assessments and Student Focus meetings. Student data drives instruction.

The Bridges Math program offers students a hands-on program to explore and build their math understanding. The Balanced Literacy and 6+1 Traits of Writing programs allow students to build their reading skills at their own pace and to improve their writing with literature-based and real-life examples.

OUR ACTIVITIES

Mills classes start at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The school offers a variety of enrichment and before- and after-school programs, including Lego Robotics, Candy Factory, Mills' Authors, Hip Hop, computer lab, karate, art, Maverick Readers and tutoring. These programs embed science, math, reading, writing, history, research and cooperative learning into fun, engaging activities.

Fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls have the opportunity to participate in volleyball and basketball.

Mills also provides real-life, hands-on opportunities through visits to a pumpkin patch, Teton Science School, Fort Caspar, Fort Laramie, The Science Zone, the Farm Expo, the Tate Museum, the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center and Casper Cares.

In-school activities include SALSA, F.R.E.D. enrichment days, band, orchestra, music, vocal music, motivational speakers, authors, DARE, RIF, Earth Day celebrations, State Art, computer lab, poetry jam and Readers' Theater.

OUR FAMILIES

Parents are an important part of children's education at Mills. All parents are encouraged to spend time reading with their child every night. The school also has an active and supportive PTA that is involved in fundraising, volunteering in classrooms and serving on school committees. Some PTA activities include a carnival, movie night, Bingo, Birthday Books and Santa Shop.

Parents also are encouraged to play an integral role in school improvement by being a part of T.E.A.M. Mills (Together Everyone Achieves More), which involves families, staff and community members working together to review data, make budget decisions and work on school improvement areas.