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**LEVERETT ACADEMY**



**... creating highly capable learners for tomorrow...**

**Open Enrollment 2009-2010**

## **Portrait of Leverett Lion**



### **Personal Qualities, Work Habits, and Attitudes**

#### **The Leverett Lion...**

- recognizes that the learning process is a lifelong journey.
- exhibits honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness.
- accepts responsibility for his/her own actions.
- utilizes organizational skills.
- perseveres and is resilient in the face of disappointment and adversity.
- possesses self-confidence and a sense of humor.

### **Basics for the 21st Century**

#### **The Leverett Lion...**

- acquires a sound foundation in the core academic areas.
- exhibits high levels of performance and achievement on a variety of assessments. furthers his/her development by participating in afterschool clubs.
- exhibits a healthy lifestyle.
- nurtures personal aspirations.

### **Complex and Creative Thinker and Communicator**

#### **The Leverett Lion...**

- thinks critically and analytically using effective learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge.
- uses logical reasoning to draw conclusions.
- uses imagination freely to generate new ideas
- uses strategies to find and solve problems and make appropriate decisions.
- communicates effectively to reach a variety of audiences.

### **Interpersonal and Collaborative Skills**

#### **The Leverett Lion...**

- contributes to group efforts with ideas, suggestions, and hard work.
- demonstrates effective leadership skills by communicating ideas and motivating others.
- collaborates effectively with others from diverse backgrounds.
- recognizes, appreciates, and respects others' points of view.
- works toward consensus and negotiates appropriate solutions.
- utilizes conflict resolution strategies.

### **Community Contributor**

#### **The Leverett Lion...**

- embraces a sense of belonging and nurtures it in others.
- recognizes and responds to societal needs.
- values and participates in the democratic process.
- participates in efforts to preserve the environments for future generations.
- understands and appreciates diversity.

### **Technology**

#### **The Leverett Lion...**

- uses technology in a knowledgeable and ethical manner.
- utilizes information systems.
- adapts to the evolution of software and hardware.
- selects appropriate tools and procedures to accomplish tasks.
- integrates technology in order to acquire knowledge and advance learning.

## Education

### Yesterday

- Limited education
- Rote memorization
- Narrow scope of education

### Today -In Traditional Learning

#### Schools

- Focus on task completion
- Curriculum taught in isolation
- Recall and literal based learning

### Leverett Academy Learning

- Collaborative inquiry based
- Interest driven
- Personalized
- Higher level thinking
- Integrated content in literacy, math social studies and science.

*At Leverett, we recognize that all learning needs a foundation of basic skills, content, and learning strategies, and that students have different needs and learn at different rates.*

*In order for a highly capable student to reach his/her potential, the program supports classroom differentiation strategies.*

## Literacy

*We believe...*

...a successful language arts student has ample opportunities to be actively involved in authentic listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking tasks for a variety of purposes. The text-rich, supportive environment will facilitate both independence and collaborative efforts within and beyond the language arts classroom.

## Mathematics

*We believe...*

...mathematics prepares students to use patterns and relationships to discover the connections between mathematical concepts and their application to real-world models. Using effective and efficient strategies, students make decisions, select tools, solve problems, and communicate their understanding of mathematical concepts.

## Science

*We believe...*

...science involves students in inquiry-based, hands-on activities, using a variety of resources, in order to build a meaningful relationship between science and everyday life. Students understand science through a balance of content, process skills, problem-solving, and practical application and are encouraged to maintain their natural curiosity and love of learning.

## Social Studies

*We believe...*

...social studies involves students in a systematic study of history, geography, economics, society, and government. Social studies empowers students to become critical thinkers, effective communicators, and participating members of local, state, national, and global communities.

## *Leverett Academy has created a learning environment based on...*

- State standards
- Effective assessments
- Student learning styles
- Student Interests
- Rigorous expectations
- Independent learning skills and behavior

## *We incorporate...*

- Community resources
- Inquiry based learning
- Teaching of social skills
- School-wide learning projects
- Family nights
- Collaborative learning groups



## *A Day in the Life of a Leverett Lion*

### Literacy

- Familiar Reading
- Word Study/Phonics
- Strategy based mini-lesson
- Small Guided Reading groups
- Shared reading
- Collaboration
- Content integration
- Interventions/enrichment

### Math

- Mental Math
- Math Message
- Math Lesson
- Math collaboration projects
- Games
- Computation practice
- Interventions/enrichment

### Project-Based Learning

- Standards based social studies/science units
- Collaborative group projects
- School-wide projects
- Research, experiments
- Community involvement
- Interest based
- Foundations in Literacy and Math

### Afterschool Clubs

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|-------------|-------|--------|
| Chess       | Dance | Guitar |
| Spanish     | Art   | Garden |
| Science     | Drama | Yoga   |
| Tae Kwon Do |       |        |