



**Murdock Elementary School
Plan on a Page
2016-2017**



Mission Statement

The mission of Murdock Elementary School is to inspire and empower all children to learn, hope, dream, contribute, excel, create and appreciate.

Value Statements

Recognizing that all children can learn, the Murdock Elementary School Community is responsible for providing an atmosphere of learning, sharing and caring while developing social and emotional competencies, respect for individual differences, academic excellence, and communication skills, while nurturing and supporting the unique capabilities of each student.

Goals

- On 3rd and 4th grade ISTEP+ spring assessments, 81% of the students will pass the English/Language Arts exam and 85% will pass mathematics in the spring of 2017.
- Student attendance in school will increase 2% from 2015-2016.

Strategies

ELA:

- Include Close Reading in lesson plans and teach weekly.
- Provide explicit vocabulary instruction daily.
- Ask essential questions to promote higher order thinking are posted in every classroom.
- Utilize rubrics for close reading in all classrooms, with student involvement in using rubrics to score their writing.

Math:

- Implement problem solving focus in mathematics for at least 30% of each week during core math instruction and math intervention.
- Include multi-step problems in formative assessments.
- Include problems with multiple correct solutions and distractor information on assessments.

Student Attendance:

- Communication with parents will occur every time a student is absent.

Benchmarks and Data

ELA:

- 71% of 3rd and 4th graders passed the ELA ISTEP+ assessment in the spring of 2016.
- 83% of 3rd & 4th graders passed the ELA ISTEP+ assessment in the spring of 2015.

Math:

- 74% of 3rd and 4th graders passed the Mathematics ISTEP+ assessment in the spring of 2016.
- 85% of 3rd and 4th graders passed the Mathematics ISTEP+ assessment in the spring of 2015.

Student Attendance:

- Attendance rate in 2015-2016 was 96.4%.