



ENGAGING AND CHALLENGING ALL STUDENTS

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Dear Parents,

Ellsworth Elementary School recognizes that students of this generation learn and engage in education differently than students that we have had in the past. Research has demonstrated that students today learn best when they are actively involved in their education, and technology engages students in all grade levels and at all academic levels. Research also shows that effective integration of technology into teaching and learning can result in higher levels of student achievement.

The Maine Department of Education has asked nine schools, throughout the state of Maine, to take part in a K-3 Literacy pilot. We were chosen to be the school representing Hancock County. This literacy pilot combines best practice in reading and technology.

An instructional coach will be provided for our teachers, helping our teachers to personalize learning for every child. This pilot will put an iPad into the hands of every student in kindergarten and first grade and will allow students in grades 2 and 3 to share an iPad for every two children. Our commitment is that the students will understand that the iPad is a tool for learning and we look forward to sharing the growth in learning with parents and the entire school community.

We are very excited about this program and know that it will help our students succeed with a technologically rich learning environment and prepare them for the brightest possible future. If you have questions regarding this initiative, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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