



School News



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Handy *Elementary*

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Blended and Personalized Learning

Handy Elementary is going deeper into blended learning this year. We are using our 1:1 iPads to help inform instruction, identify learning gaps, and intervene to ensure that all students will leave at or above grade level.

We are now using a blended learning approach, where students use “choice boards” to determine their path in the learning process. They also use classroom flexible learning spaces to determine their best fit, as well as flexible timing, where they can move at their own pace.

Our teachers are using iXL, Accelerated Math, Prodigy Math, Lexia, Newsela, Readworks, No Red Ink, Tween Tribune, Spelling City, iRead, Raz Kids, Hyperdocs, and many other applications to support content. Students



demonstrate mastery of concepts, while teachers conduct small groups based upon data. Our team of teachers are serving as researchers as we practice new learning, monitor data, and examine the results to ensure increased achievement for all students.