

#There's No Place Like Jones . . .

Ira B. Jones Elementary is a vibrant community filled with enthusiastic learners, dedicated staff, and involved parents. Students are afforded a quality education in a safe and supportive environment, which respects all individuals' diversity, fosters strong social skills, develops responsible and global citizens, involves parents and community, and instills a love of learning in an atmosphere that promotes academic excellence and recognizes student achievement.



Diversity makes Ira B. Jones strong. The school embraces a mix of cultures and backgrounds among its student body and as a central foundation of its magnet theme. We offer:

- ★ Service Learning Projects
- ★ Outdoor Classroom
- ★ K-5 Technology Integration
- ★ Counseling and Social Skills Instruction
- ★ 1:1 Technology in 3rd - 5th Grades
- ★ Integrated Field Trips
- ★ 4th Grade Trip to Camp Greenville
- ★ 5th Grade Trip to Washington, DC
- ★ Muddy Sneakers for 5th Grade
- ★ Cultural Enrichment Assemblies
- ★ Monthly Positive Behavior Assemblies
- ★ School-wide Green Initiatives
- ★ Global Scholars Day
- ★ STEAM-focused Makerspace
- ★ Career Day
- ★ Active PTO
- ★ Volunteer Opportunities

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Global Scholars



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Curriculum

Reading: In K-1, we use the Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing Workshop Model. In grades 2-5, we use an English Language Arts curriculum called Wit & Wisdom. This curriculum focuses on reading and writing skills and strategies while also weaving in social studies and science concepts. The curriculum integrates instructional routines that help students master complex texts through deep questioning, explicit writing instruction, text-based vocabulary, and formative assessments to measure progress.



Math: We use Bridges in Mathematics, a comprehensive curriculum for grades K-5. Bridges is a rigorous program designed to address the new math standards in a way that's enjoyable and accessible to all learners.

The curriculum focuses on developing in students a deep understanding of math concepts, proficiency with key skills, and the ability to solve new and complex problems. Learning activities tap into the intelligence and strengths all students have by presenting mathematically powerful material alive with language, pictures, and movement.

Students in a Bridges classroom talk about math, describe observations, explain methods, and ask questions. They are encouraged to find multiple ways to solve problems and show different ways of thinking. This is a vital way to help students build more flexible and efficient ways to solve increasingly complex problems. Hands-on activities engage them in exploring, developing, testing, discussing, and applying mathematical concepts.

Beyond the Classroom Doors

- ★ Battle of the Books
- ★ Charlotte Street Kids @ Jones onsite after school care
- ★ Chess Club
- ★ Curriculum and Family Nights
- ★ Fall Musical and Drama Program
 - Wizard of Oz (2019)
 - Mary Poppins (2018)
 - The Lion King (2017)
- ★ Girls on the Run
- ★ Go to Goal! Soccer
- ★ Science Olympiad
- ★ Safety Patrol



The C.U.B.S. Motto

C
CHOOSE TO BE RESPONSIBLE.

U
USE KIND WORDS AND ACTIONS.

B
BE RESPECTFUL.

S
STAY SAFE.

Our Mission

The Ira B. Jones learning community is committed to empowering ALL students to become highly successful global citizens.



Our Vision

Our vision is to empower ALL children to be problem solvers and constructive citizens in order to improve their own lives, their communities, and the world.



Global Scholars Pillars

At Ira B. Jones, the Global Scholars magnet theme inspires students to take an active, hands-on role in our changing world. Its pillars are service work, a celebration of the world cultures, environmental stewardship, foreign language, technology, and skills for the new century.