

# **Central Grade School**

## **Current Exploration Opportunities**

### **2023-2024**

**Effingham Unit 40 Strategic Plan Goal 5a: Provide exploration opportunities from start to finish that allows for student voice and control.**

Central Grade School houses grades 2-5 and provides instruction in the core content areas of Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies in addition to special courses in PE, Music, Technology, Art, and Band.

Central goes above and beyond by offering a variety of opportunities for students to explore

- Careers
- Life Skills
- Future Planning
- Hobbies and Interests
- Personal development and mental and physical health

These exploration opportunities come to life at Central Grade School:

- Through Coursework
  - Technology Class for exposure to Internet Safety
  - Music Programs during the Winter and Spring and on Veterans Day
  - Veterans Day Salute presented by fifth grade students who have conducted research about the sacrifices veterans made to honor our country
  - Band as an option for fifth grade students
  - Effingham Public Library's storytime for second and third grade students
  - Bluestem Book Review as part of the Title I program
  - Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom for exposure to a variety of ag-focused content and experiences
- Beyond Coursework
  - Field Trips to locations like Aikman Wildlife, Effingham Performance Center, WigWam Skate and Event Center
  - Umbrellas for Peace to learn about respect, responsibility, caring, and positive thinking
  - Assemblies provided by PTO
  - Therapy Dogs
  - Central Library's Accelerated Reader
  - Reward Activities
  - Fifth Grade Transition Day to prepare for sixth grade
  - Best Buddies to foster compassion, kindness, and inclusiveness of all abilities
  - Reindeer Games before winter break
  - Field Day at the end of the year
  - High School Visitors

- Of course, Recess!
- During Clubs and Athletics for Fifth Grade
  - Student Council
  - Volleyball
  - Cross Country
  - Basketball