



# Things You May Not Know About Our School

## School wide Title 1

Heritage Elementary School receives federal Title 1 funding. Because of the number of low-income students we serve, we are a “school-wide” Title 1 school, meaning that the funding we receive benefits all students who attend our school. Please see the attached brochure for more details about what Title 1 means, what it includes, and how the funding is used. Now if you are asked on a survey if you know about your school’s Title 1 status, you can say, “Yes I do!”

### Test Scores

Just like every other elementary school in Kentucky, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Heritage participate in state testing called KPREP (Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress). Third grade students are tested in reading and math, 4<sup>th</sup> grade are tested in reading, math, science, and language mechanics (grammar, punctuation etc.), and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are tested in reading, math, social studies, and writing. The test is given at the end of the school year. For detailed information regarding our scores and state ranking, see the attached handout.

### Program Reviews

A few years ago, Kentucky stopped assessing students in Art & Humanities and Portfolio Writing. To replace these assessments, the state begun requiring Program Reviews, which is where school staff evaluate the effectiveness of these programs against a set of standards. Now, elementary schools must complete program reviews each year on their Art& Humanities program, their Practical Living & Career Studies program, Writing program, and K-3 Primary Program. Starting this school year, these program reviews will be calculated into our overall state assessment scores and will count for 23% of the total score. Be watching for an upcoming Parent’s Page newsletter that will provide more detail about each of these programs.

## We have a Mission and a Vision

Our current vision statement reads as follows: “Our vision is to develop within our students the capacity to be successful in every aspect of life and citizenship by instilling in them the attitudes and attributes that define a person of character”. Our mission is, “Keeping our children safe while preparing them for a successful tomorrow”. Very soon, you will be given the opportunity to give us your opinion on how well you feel these statements reflect our collective attitudes regarding what should be our mission and vision. I hope you will choose to participate when that opportunity comes. We value your input and partnership.

### Good Patriots

- \* Show Up
- \* Work Hard
- \* Follow the Rules
- \* Care About Others
- \* Never Give Up