The Newport News Public Schools Elementary Curriculum is designed to engage the hearts and minds of our learners.

**Learner Experiences**
- **Build COMMUNITY through collaboration, developing relationships, and acknowledging other perspectives**
  - Class meeting
  - ICARE
  - Collaborative structures
  - Classroom jobs
  - Reading buddies
  - Celebrating successes
  - Goal setting

- **Make CONNECTIONS across the content and to their world outside the classroom**
  - Skype with an author
  - Performance assessments
  - ICARE
  - Reading and writing across the day
  - Experiential learning
  - Use data and primary sources

- **COMMUNICATE their learning effectively**
  - Math talk
  - Class meeting
  - Author’s chair
  - Peer editing
  - Multi-media presentations/Public presentations
  - Book talks
  - Class discussion

- **Exercise VOICE AND CHOICE to personalize their work**
  - Self-selected writing topics
  - Self-selected book choices
  - Variety of student products
  - Self-selected problem solving strategies

- **Develop CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE in all academic standards**
  - Conferences
  - Using feedback to revise
  - Multi-media presentations
  - Self-evaluation
  - Goal setting
  - Recognizing strengths

**Teacher Practices**
- **Whole Group Learning**
  - Modeling reading strategies
  - Modeling writing strategies
  - Modeling problem solving
  - Modeled writing
  - Pose a problem or question to explore
  - Read aloud
  - Think aloud
  - Collaborative structures
  - Demonstration
  - Develop a concept
  - Brainstorming
  - Class meeting
  - Shared reading
  - Shared writing
  - Presentation
  - Dramatization
  - Formative assessment
  - Class discussion
  - Feedback

- **Guided & Independent Learning to Develop, Practice & Apply**
  - Small group instruction
  - Individual conferences
  - Collaboration
  - Cooperative structures
  - Stations/Centers
  - Independent reading
  - Independent writing
  - Research
  - Formative assessment
  - Inquiry
  - Scientific investigation
  - Observation
  - Problem solving
  - Discussion
  - Creating products
  - Feedback

- **Reflective Closure**
  - Making connections
  - Formative assessment
  - Discussion
  - Sharing
  - Conferencing
  - Goal setting
  - Celebrations
  - Self-reflection
  - Feedback