

Learning for Independence ~ L.F.I

Here's a quick information sheet that describes a little bit about our special education program at Stonegate Elementary School ~

Program Goals:

- *Instruction in functional life skills and basic academics in the general education environment and community settings using the MCPS Fundamental Life Skills Curriculum.
- *Provides students with opportunities for interaction with non-disabled peers ~ mainstreaming in general education classroom specials (Music, Art, Media, & P.E.) and other classroom events/activities.
- *Prepares students with mild and moderate cognitive disabilities for adult life by teaching them skills that will enhance their opportunities for independent participation in work, recreational, and home settings, while making a meaningful contribution to their community.

Students develop:

- ~ Functional reading, writing, and math skills
- ~ Self care and home living skills (life skills)
- ~ Responsibility for jobs in the classroom and at home
- ~ Awareness of a variety of individual and group leisure activities
- ~ Awareness of rights and responsibilities

Population:

The students who are in this program at the elementary level have the primary disability of Mental Retardation (MR - in the mild to moderate range ~ I.Q. scores are 2-3 standard deviations below the mean) or Multiple Disabilities. Placement is driven by cognitive and adaptive behavior needs and is determined by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team in consultation with the special education supervisor.