

**Cottage Lane Elementary School**  
**Grades 4-5**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Century Goals and Projects**  
**2011-2012**

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- To enhance our interactive community website so that parents can access more information regarding what is happening in their child's curriculum and classrooms. These web pages will include curriculum across subject areas, projects, field trips, special events, and any other important information teachers want to share with students and parents.
- We will continue to expand our professional development with Innovative Designs in Education to create interdisciplinary problem-based learning units of study. This year, seventeen teachers from Cottage Lane are participating in this professional development. These teachers will also share the units that they have created with their colleagues.
- We will continue to focus on independent reading and use reading logs both in school and at home in order to help our students be able to persevere through more challenging texts and read for longer periods of time with comprehension.
- We will continue to study the book *Leading and Learning with Habits of Mind* and teach students to understand and practice these habits each year. We will focus on perseverance, meta cognition, and listening with empathy and understanding and identify activities that support these attitudes.
- We will continue to use Morning Meetings to build community in our classrooms. This is a structure which has been built into the school day giving students a forum to develop and share their thoughts and thereby build a stronger classroom community.
- We will continue to address the ongoing issues of bullying through the use of Olweus *Bullying Prevention* program by implementing specific lessons that address bullying and anti-social behavior.
- We will continue to implement the WordMasters vocabulary program for all students.
- We will continue to provide enrichments through our Lego Robotics and Chess programs.

We look forward to a creative, enriching, challenging, and supportive learning environment for the 2011-2012 school year.