Alexa enjoys starting her day with Wellness Block, where she and her classmates enjoy a social-emotional lesson on how to be a good friend.

As part of their unit on the life cycle in science, Alexa and her partner first check on the development of trout eggs in the classroom fish tank and then head outside to the fourth-grade rain garden, which they designed and planted to address a runoff challenge on Gilmour’s campus and to help filter pollutants out of the groundwater.

LANGUANGE ARTS
Alexa works in a group of three for a writing workshop exercise. The group is refining the dialogue in their short stories to ensure their word choice captures the voice of their character before they conference individually with the teacher.

SPANISH
Alexa then heads to Spanish class, where she talks to a classmate about her favorite things in Spanish and compares our holiday celebrations to those in Mexico.

ROBOTICS
Last stop before lunch is robotics. Alexa has been waiting for this! It’s time to debut her robot for a faceoff against her friends’ robots in the class Sumo match.

LUNCH
Off to lunch, where it’s Tasting Tuesday! Today, Alexa and her friends get to sample the organic red peppers that have just been plucked from Gilmour’s vegetable garden. Then, Alexa and her friends play Gaga ball on the brand new playground.

ART
After lunch, Alexa looks forward to art. After studying the elongated figures of Alberto Giacometti, today she gets to put the finishing touches on her own wire-framed 3D sculpture.

MATH
Next up – math! Alexa is excited to test the building she and her partners designed on the shaking platform to see if their engineering design holds up in an earthquake.

RELIGION
On her way to religion, Alexa grabs her jacket from her locker because the class is taking a meditation walk around campus, which includes stops at St. Mary’s Lake and the statue of the Blessed Mother to pause, reflect and pray.

AFTER SCHOOL
Once school is over, Alexa heads to the music room for her piano lesson with a teaching artist from the Cleveland International Piano Competition on the Steinway grand piano. She’s excited because she has a recital coming up and has her piece almost memorized!