



SPRINGDALE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear SPARK GATE Families,

Welcome to SPARK GATE for 2025-2026! SPARK utilizes the resource delivery model, which means students receive one full day of service per week (5 segments). On their GATE day, students will join their homeroom classes for recess, specials, and lunch. Third, fourth, and fifth grade students should bring GATE binders/folders to class each week, beginning the week of August 11th. First and second grade work will be housed in the GATE classroom and sent home at the conclusion of each unit of study. Click here to access the [supply list](#). Students should report to homeroom classes each day and will be picked up by their GATE teacher according to the following schedule:

Teachers	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
R. Smith	1st Grade	4th Grade	2nd Grade	5th Grade	3rd Grade
S. White	1st Grade	4th Grade	2nd Grade	5th Grade	3rd Grade

GATE classes will provide rigorous instruction via multidisciplinary units that extend and enrich the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) and CCRPI standards. GATE teachers will also implement and assess APS Gifted Program Standards each semester, using GATE progress reports. The gifted program instructional standards include:

- Advanced Research Skills and Methods (ARS)
- Creative Thinking and Problem Solving Skills (CTS)
- Higher Order and Critical Thinking Skills (HOTS)
- Advanced Communication Skills (ACS)
- Leadership (LEAD)
- Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Global Citizenship (GCZ)
- Creativity (CRT)

The units of study are cumulative and build week to week, therefore it may be necessary for students to complete GATE assignments prior to attending class following an absence. We will use Google Classroom in our classes and email is the preferred method of contact. Any schedule changes will be communicated to teachers and parents to ensure students are prepared with the necessary materials/assignments. Please note that APS has implemented a continuation policy for students who do not meet the standards of the Gifted Program. Visit the [APS GATE website](#) for more information.

We're excited to work with you and your child during the 2025–2026 school year! Let us be your first line of communication for any questions or concerns. As part of staying connected, take a few minutes to complete the [Parent Survey](#). Submit responses by **August 15th**. Lastly, save the date and join us at our annual Curriculum Night on August 21st where you will have a chance to learn more about SPARK's GATE Program.

We're grateful for the continued support and dedication the SPARK community brings to our school and the GATE Department. Cheers to a great 2025-2026 school year! Click our names below to find out a little bit about us.

Sincerely,

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