Greetings, Gifted and Talented Students & Parents:

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome those who are new as well as those who are returning to our wonderful, gifted program at CSKYWLA. What I am so excited to get to know you and your student(s) during this 2022-23 school year and am looking forward to a year of GREATNESS (#together@CSK)!

This year, I will continue working with students who are identified as gifted in grades $6^{th} - 8^{th}$ at CSKYWLA. I have a lifelong love of learning in which I hope to pass on to our aspiring Gifted and Talented young STEMinists as they expand upon the heights of their potential. At CSKYWLA, it is our goal to provide them a nurturing and safe learning environment where they are engaged in rigorous, innovative academics and relevant, life-long learning. We pride ourselves in ensuring that our Gifted and Talented STEMinists feel connected, welcomed, and an integral part of the CSKYWLA family.

Throughout the year, they will have opportunities to challenge themselves through interest-driven projects and learning experiences that go far beyond the scope of their grade-level curriculum. In addition, I will be partnering with their regular middle school classroom teachers to ensure that our students' needs continue to be met throughout the school year.

As we begin this journey together, I hope that we can be partners in providing the best possible education for our Gifted and Talented young STEMinists. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will usually respond quickly via email (Clemmie.russaw@apsk12.org). It is our hope that your student will find her participation in the gifted program full of rich experiences that will inspire a thirst for knowledge and a love for learning - both inside and outside the classroom and throughout life.

Kind regards,

Dr. Clemmie Russaw