

Dear Gifted Students and Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year at Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy! I hope you had a restful and enriching summer and are ready to embark on a new journey of learning and growth. As the Middle School Gifted Lead Teacher, I am thrilled to work with our gifted students and their families to ensure a successful and inspiring year.

Our goal this year is to continue providing a challenging and supportive environment where our gifted students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We are committed to recognizing and nurturing each student's unique talents and abilities, and we are here to guide and support you every step of the way.

## A Few Pointers for the School Year:

- 1. **Stay Engaged:** Participate actively in your classes and fully utilize the enrichment opportunities available. Remember, your voice matters, and your contributions can make a difference!
- 2. **Explore Your Interests:** Whether it's through clubs, projects, or independent studies, find ways to explore your passions and interests. The more you pursue what you love, the more you will grow.
- 3. Ask for Help When Needed: If you ever feel overwhelmed or need support, don't hesitate to contact your teachers or counselors. We are here to help you navigate any challenges you may encounter.
- 4. **Stay Connected:** Communication is key! Keep in touch with your teachers and peers, and make sure your parents are informed about your progress and activities.
- 5. Visit the APS Gifted and Talented Website: For more information about how we identify, serve, enrich, and support gifted students, please visit the <u>Atlanta Public</u> <u>Schools Gifted and Talented website</u>. You'll find answers to frequently asked questions and valuable resources to support your gifted journey.

Let's make this school year memorable and filled with discovery, creativity, and success. I look forward to working with each of you and seeing the amazing things you will accomplish.

Best regards,

## Dr. Russaw

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