



Perkerson Elementary School

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Perkerson Elementary Gifted and Talent Development Education (GATE) 2021-2022 school year! We are so excited to be back for another great year of teaching and learning! We have many special things planned for this year that will address the Georgia Standards of Excellence in all areas of studies, as well as the eight Gifted and Talented Program Standards; Advanced Communication Skills, Creativity, Creative Problem Solving, Global Citizenship, Higher Order Thinking Skills, Leadership, Advanced Research Skills, and Social Emotional Learning.

We are excited to kick off the school year with a selection of great units of study already planned for our students. In addition to the units, we will also spend time providing enriching activities that include "brain boosters" activities that challenge the psyche, STEAM infused lessons, reading and writing contests, discussions of "What's happening," discussions addressing some of the current events taking place in our community and around the world. Our students are encouraged to participate in the Science Fair, Technology Fair, and the Helen Ruffin Bowl. Due to the pandemic and COVID guidelines, we are hoping to dive deeper into learning and include more in-school field trips this year.

At Perkerson Elementary, we are committed to ensuring that our GATE program is enriching, exciting, and engaging! Our GATE learning format is the pull-out resource model. The utilization of this model allows students to spend one day each week interacting with their intellectual peers while being taught by a gifted certified teacher. Many of the activities that we do will be self-paced and student-directed, so your attention and best efforts are very important.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Dr. Love, your GATE teacher at (404) 895-3950. You may also reach her via email at renee.love@atlanta.k12.ga.us. Please leave a message and allow up to 24 hours for a response. Additional information regarding testing and other GATE FAQ's are located on the school's webpage.

We look forward to a great learning experience with our amazing students! Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support during this school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Renee' Love
Gifted and Talent Education Teacher