

From the Gifted and Talented Education Team

Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Our theme for this year is “**Adventure Awaits.**” We have strategically planned a year of exploring adventures all around us. We will encourage students to become risk-takers as we soar into the elements of creativity. Those elements include, but are not limited to:



- Fluency- generating a great number of ideas
- Flexibility- creating ideas in a wide range of categories
- Originality- producing unique, novel, or one -of-a-kind ideas
- Elaboration- adding details to enrich, refine or embellish ideas

Students will also be encouraged to engage in activities that will develop higher level thinking as they work independently and collaboratively to increase their knowledge and awareness. One of our objectives for this year is to encourage maturity and wisdom in understanding the world around us. Our units of study will allow us to comprehend and develop a platform of decision-making strategies using facts and insight. As always, we want the students to leave the classroom feeling confident that they can apply what they've learned in school to real-world situations.

Responsibility

Students are expected to come to class prepared each week. We will assign activities and projects that are relevant to the academic program and designed to foster critical and creative thinking.

Behavior

We expect students to be respectful of themselves and others. Please note that unacceptable student behavior may result in:

- Reiteration of essential agreements created by class
- Return to homeroom with consequences governed by the homeroom teacher
- Communication with parent (phone, email, text, note)
- Assistant Principal notified

Communication

Regular parent/teacher communication can make all the difference in a student's success. Communication will be provided in the form of emails and letters/notes. Unit progress reports will be sent at the completion of each unit of study. If you have any questions about your child's performance, we encourage you to email the gifted teacher or send a note to the homeroom teacher.

Teaching your child is a privilege as well as a responsibility. We will do our best to ensure that each student is motivated and aspires to take learning to the next level.

Yours in Gifted,

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