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Dear Parents,

First and foremost, let me extend a heartfelt welcome to you and your child to J.W. Dobbs Elementary's Gifted and Talented program. I am a veteran educator with over 12 years of experience teaching Gifted and Talented students in the Middle and Elementary School settings. I am excited about having the opportunity to work with you and our scholars.

The Gifted and Talented program will provide scholars with cross-curriculum real world experiences. This 2023-2024 school year, I look forward to stimulating young minds by providing a classroom environment filled with innovation, learning, and productivity. This will be achieved by engaging scholars in lessons, activities, and field trips that promote creativity and higher order thinking. Activities will be interactive, performance-based, and an authentic representation of our scholar's talents.

As we begin this journey of exploratory learning, I'd like to share my expectations for our exceptional scholars, which go above and beyond the regular school rules:

- ✚ Follow directions and all school rules
- ✚ Come to class prepared with needed materials and completed assignments
- ✚ Actively participate
- ✚ Show courtesy and respect to teachers, classmates, and self
- ✚ Maintain an A/B average in all subjects
- ✚ Maintain satisfactory behavior in all subjects

Gifted education is all about endless possibilities, and I'm privileged to work with the brightest minds here at J.W. Dobbs Elementary! Please visit the Atlanta Public Schools Gifted and Talented website for more information. You will find answers to frequently asked questions about how we identify, serve, enrich, and support gifted students:

<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/20890>.

I am thrilled about this year. Let's make this year unforgettable for our gifted learners! If you ever need to contact me, please feel free to reach out using the following: 678-508-5077 • Ladonna.smith@apsk12.org

Professionally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Ladonna Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Ladonna Smith, Gifted and Talented Development