



C. L. Gideons Elementary School

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Welcome returning and new parents to Gideons Elementary School ~ Gifted/Talent Development Classes for the 2012-2013 school year! I am Darlene Dobbs, Gifted/Talent Development Teacher!



H.E.A.T.ing



We are things up in the Gifted Program with Higher Order Thinking to create rigorous cognitive challenges, Engaging students to create curiosity and self-responsible learners, Authentic tasks to create context and usefulness, and Technology to culminate rigorous cognitive tasks!!!

This year I am excited to be working with your child. I am dedicated to making this year affable, busy, productive, rigorous, and enriching. A good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between teacher, parent, and child. Let's have a wonderful, exciting year together!!!

The following information should answer many questions you may have.

Gifted Curriculum: We will have three units of study throughout the year. The first units are:
Grade 1: Ocean Commotion
Grades 2 & 3: Discovering the Rainforest
Grade 4: Vanishing Rainforests
Grade 5: No Bones About It! Animal Classification

During each unit, I encourage all parents to allow their child to explore the internet to find articles, activities, etc. that relate to our study, go to museums, take their children to the local library or Barnes & Noble to find books related to our study... In addition to reading the books at home, students will be encouraged to share what he or she has learned in class.

I will create assignments that are rigorous and also utilize **brainpopjunior.com**.
Username: stripling
Password: learn



Tentative Gifted/TD Days of Service:

Monday: 5th Grade
Tuesday: 1st Grade
Wednesday: 2nd & 3rd Grades
Thursday: 4th Grade
Friday: 4th Grade (Collaboration)

Progress Reports: will be sent home at the end of each unit. If at any time you would like a conference, please call (404) 802-7716 or send an email to: dddobbs@atlanta.k12.ga.us. Email is the most expedient way to get in contact with me.

Gifted/TD Donations:

- Lysol Wipes & Spray
- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid Soap
- Kleenex

Educational Field Trips:

- Jekyll Island, October 29 – 31, 2012
- Costa Rica-Spring Break April 6-13, 2013 (Pending Approval)
- New York City – May 7-12, 2013 (Pending Approval)

APS Gifted Essentials for Parents' Workshop:

- November 13, 2012 Campbell Academy
- January 17, 2013 Morningside Elementary
- March 28, 2013 Parkside Elementary

Enrichment Opportunities:

Gifted/TD students have participated and enjoyed the following enrichment programs and Please consider the following enrichment programs for your which builds social skills, and includes hands-on learning in a fun atmosphere. Please call the following numbers for registration information:

GA. State Saturday School: (404) 651-2581

GA. State Saturday School: (404) 894-0777

SEMAA Program @ Fernbank: (678) 874-7102

Morehouse School of Medicine Ben Carson Science Academy: (404) 752-1590

~~~If your child attends one of the Saturday schools please let me know!

Thank you for your continued support!