



Parent Information Night

March 7, 2019

6:00 p.m.





Introduction

The mission of PLSAS is to educate ALL learners to reach their full potential as contributing and productive members of our ever-changing global community.

SAGE Academy (School for the Advancement of Gifted Education) is a school-within-a-school for identified students in grades 3-5.

SAGE Academy provides an option to meet the needs of gifted learners within our school district.





Introduction

Synergy services and **SAGE Academy** are part of a system of support that provides comprehensive, articulated programming to students who demonstrate an ability to achieve above standards.





Identification

Qualifying Measures:

- **Measure of Ability:** CogAT, OLSAT 130 SAS score & above
 - Composite score of 130 Standard Age Score (SAS)
 - Individual IQ tests are accepted in place of a CogAT/OLSAT
- **Nationally normed Achievement Tests:** Current second grade students with 90th percentile on MAP
- **Teacher Checklist:** Completed by the student's current classroom teacher and gifted specialist
- All Candidates are reviewed by the **District Selection Committee**

Placement Procedure:

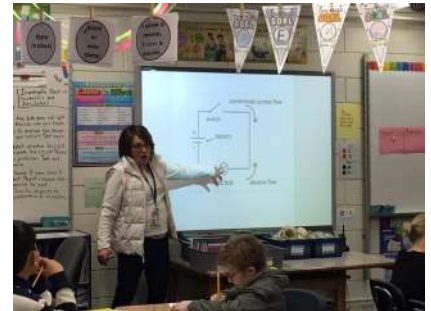
- Qualified Candidates who are district residents
- Candidates who are not district residents and meet criteria.
(Assessment will be required and paid for by non-district parents)



Curriculum

Daily, on-going differentiated instruction to meet the needs of gifted students:

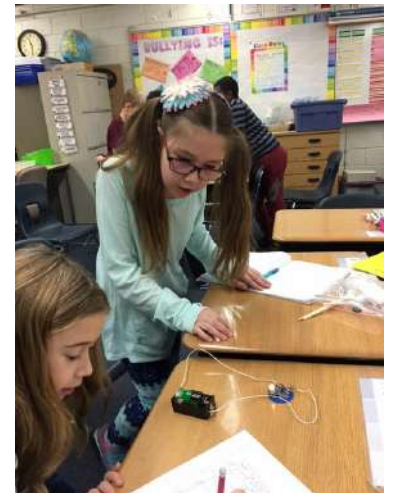
- Acceleration of basic content experiences
- Lessons utilizing differentiation, compacting and deeper investigations
- Inquiry as a fundamental tool for encouraging learning
- Open-ended activities and questioning that encourages further exploration or social action
- Development of creative products to stimulate use of higher level thinking and problem-solving processes
- Providing a program with consistent grade level curriculum experiences, rigor and expectations





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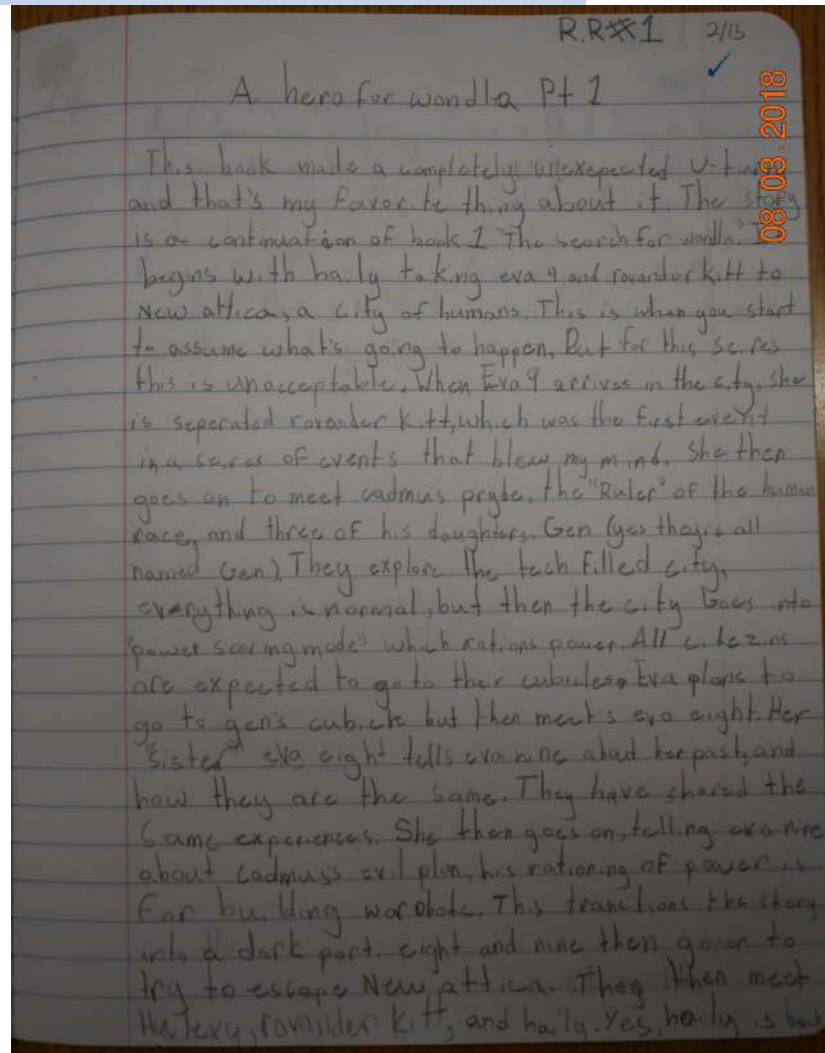
- Curriculum is supplemented with rigorous program materials: *Math Olympiads, Jr. Great Books, William and Mary Curriculum, Lucy Calkins-Reading and Writing Units of Study, WordMasters, Mock Trial, Public Speaking, Greek/Latin Roots, Touchstones, Interact Science, History & Language Arts Units, Daily Science Instruction (lab-based)*
- Expected products, pace, and process will be at high grade level
- Social Studies and Science every day
- Math Acceleration is provided for all students (Additional acceleration is based upon student need)



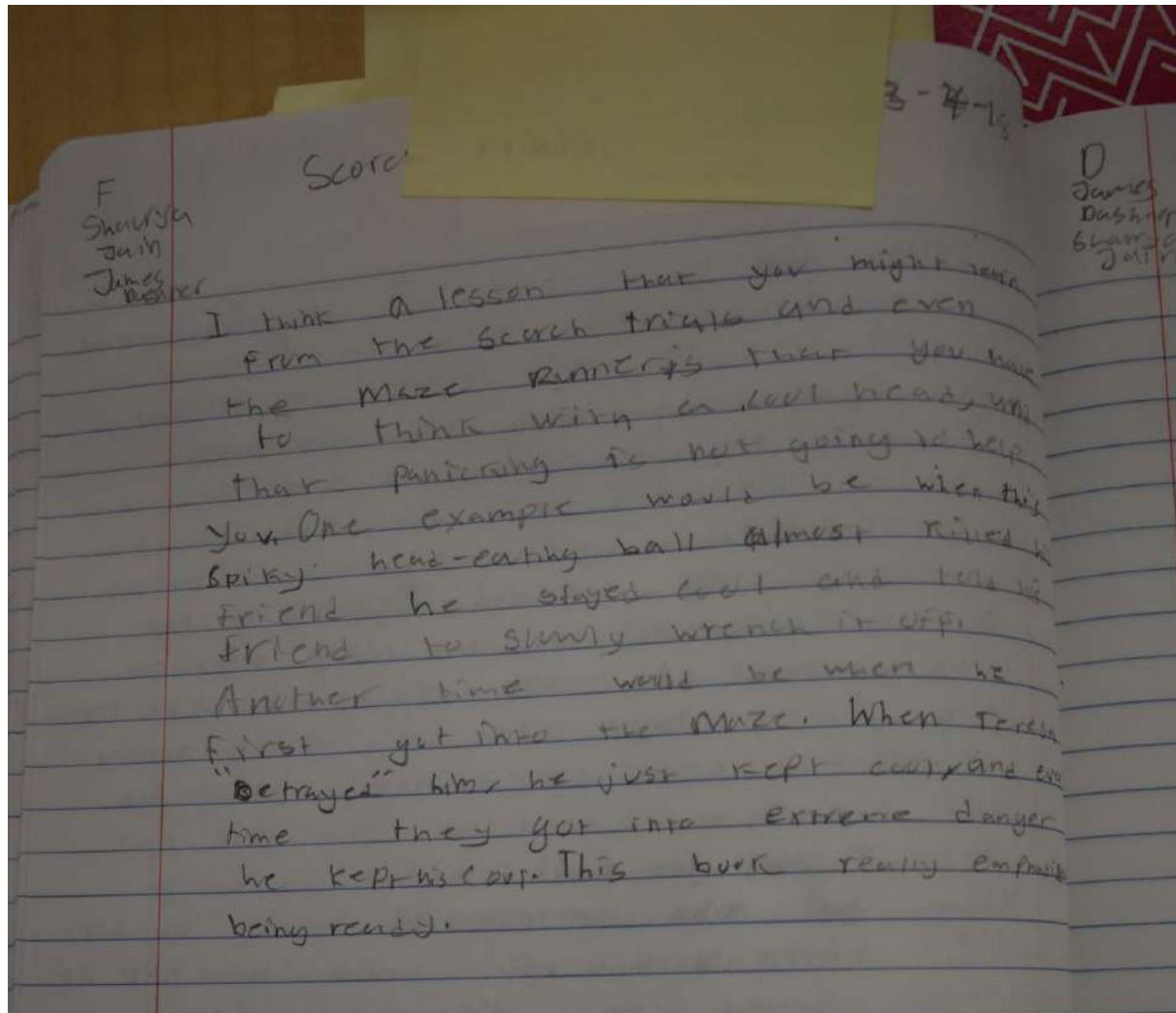
Poet Tees



Reader Response Notebook



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Student's Persuasive Essay

Science

The way science has helped us in the world is overwhelming. The seven million workers in the world working day and night to solve our problems. To create our resources. To overall, help us in general. This proves just how much science has greatly benefited society

People's interests has sparked a race in modern day technology. We still use most of the technology (phones, computers, etc.) but we have improved most of it. But the simple machines, the ones as early as even the ancient civilizations, those are the ones we still use in their purest form. They (pulleys, conveyor belts, levers, wheels etc.) help us with more things than we could ever imagine (light switches, scales, cars, bikes, slingshots, etc.) It has evolved the way we live.

"The formulation of a problem is often more essential than its solution, which may be merely a matter of mathematical or experimental skills." This is what Albert Einstein thought about problems. How science has let us solve things we couldn't do by ourselves is incredible. We solved these things through many processes. We have come to these processes because of the way we adapt and learn. It has helped us learn things that people want, and are vital to our survival. This proves how science has made some great discoveries through these processes. These discoveries have helped us solve us many problems throughout history. While he have helped from diseases and conditions to famine and homelessness, science has helped absolutely extravagantly in supporting our life and flourishing.

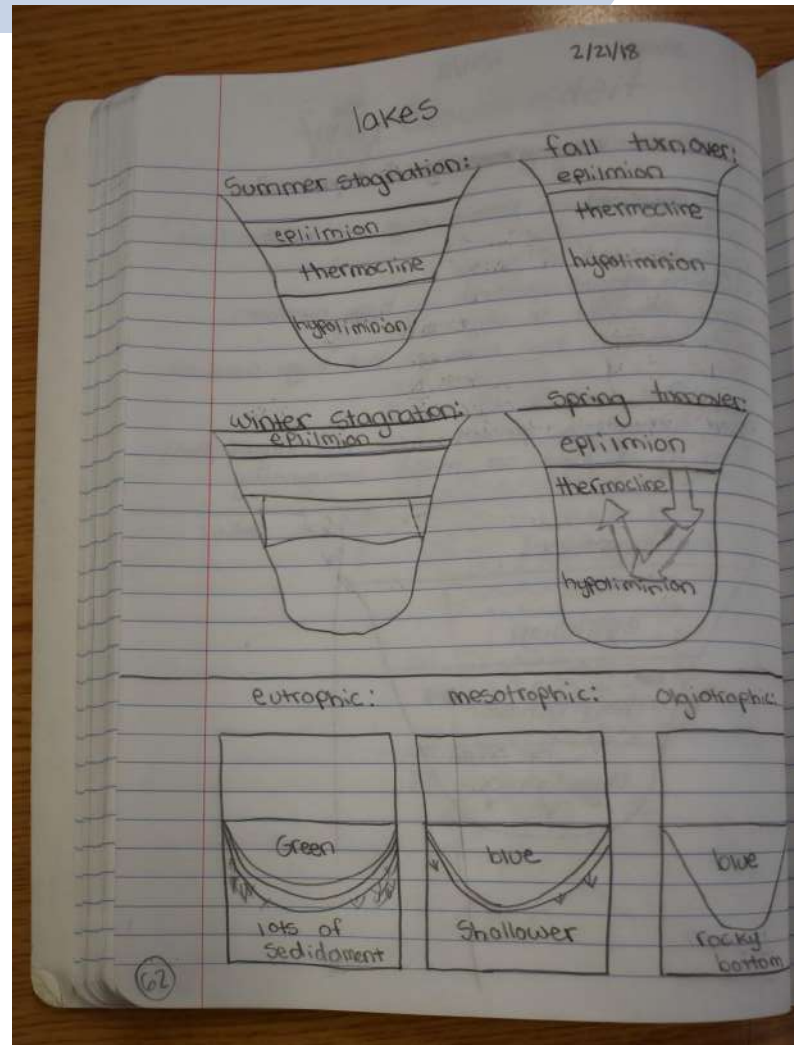
The way science has given us most of the things we need to survive has made almost impossible to die from natural causes. Science has found us cures for disease. Science has found very efficient ways to help heal the hurt. Science has found us ways to just, overall, live better. The ways these people work are through the jobs of science. These jobs provide people the money they need for their themselves and/or their families.

Now you know how science has greatly benefited society, you can also help. There are many jobs in the science world. Don't be afraid to pursue your dreams as a scientist!

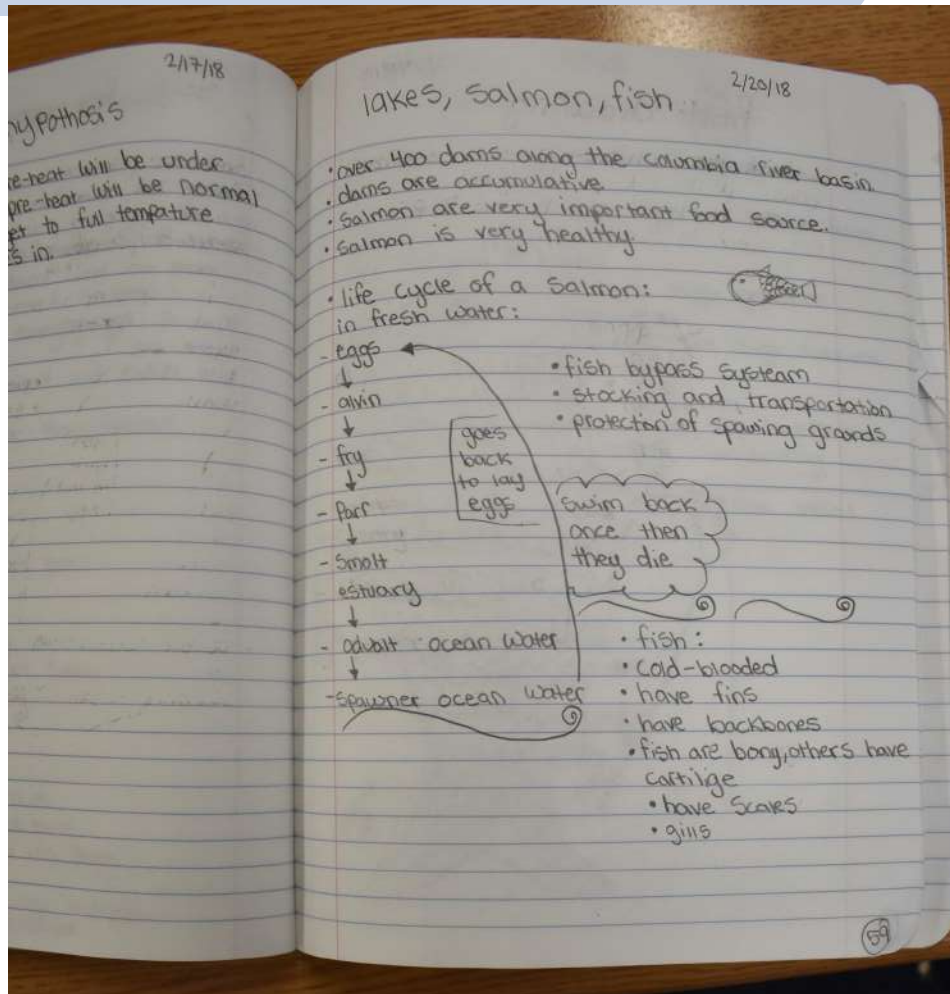
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Science: Water Filters



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Science: Circuits



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Special Events

- Night of the Notables
- Cultural Bazaar
- Science and E-STEM Fair
- SAGE Challenge Days
- Poetry Slam
- Philosophy Slam
- Service Projects





Homework

WestWood's homework policy for third – fifth grade is 30-60 minutes per night

SAGE Academy's homework policy is:

- 3rd grade – 30-45 minutes per night
- 4th grade – 45-60 minutes per night
- 5th grade – 60-80 minutes per night
- Homework emphasis is on varied types of assignments geared to student needs and enhancement of topics studied
- Students in SAGE Academy develop independent work habits at an earlier age.





Daily Life at WestWood

- Students eat lunch, have recess and specialist classes each day with grade alike peers (as schedules permit)
- SAGE Academy students participate in grade level field trips, including Wolf Ridge ELC, as well as SAGE field trips
- 50 min. of Art, Music, Media/Technology per week
- 100 min. of Physical Education per week
- Jr. Naturalists, 4th/5th Grade Choir, Optional Field Trips- Creativity, Young Writer's, Service Club





Affective Needs

Social and emotional development and guidance of a gifted learner:

- Development of a healthy sense of self through self-knowledge and self-acceptance
- Development of healthy relationships through understanding of self and others
- Development of appropriate expectations of self and others
- Development of risk-taking behaviors in intellectual contexts





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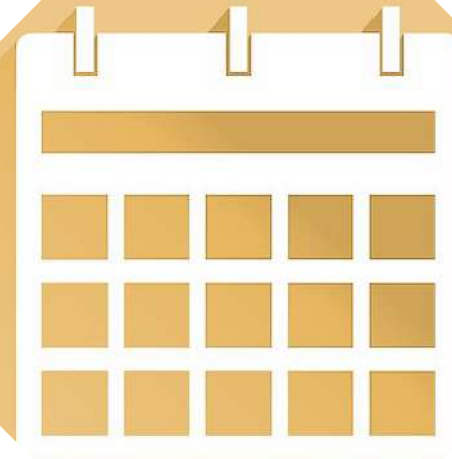




Important Dates

March 26 & 27 – SAGE Academy
Student Visits for qualified students

April 12 – SAGE Academy
Commitment Forms due for
in-district & out-of-district students.





Any questions?

THANK YOU!