



## DESTINY PROGRAM

Southwest Cooperative at Morton Gingerwood  
16936 Forest Ave. Oak Forest, IL

### Academic

- Students at Morton Gingerwood are engaged in academic instruction throughout their school day. In our DESTINY classrooms you can expect to see English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Social Skills, Vocational, and Daily Living Skills instruction happening regularly. The DESTINY classrooms at Morton Gingerwood offer a therapeutic environment for our students who benefit from a self-contained special education setting. Principles from the structured teaching method can be observed in this classroom for students who require a higher level of structure to successfully participate in their school day. Our teachers are excellent at differentiating instruction to challenge each student at their current ability level. Two of the primary instructional resources used in the DESTINY Program are Unique Learning System and OATECA.

### Therapeutic

- Music & Art Therapy
  - Different from what is offered in a general education setting, the music and art therapy classes at MGW are just that, therapy! With a wide array of activities and skills introduced throughout the year our students have the opportunity to engage in art and music activities in a therapeutic way that is adapted to each child's individual need.
- Adapted Physical Education
  - Again, different from what is offered in a general education PE class, our APE teacher works to modify each session to meet the individual needs of the students in each classroom. Materials and activities are adapted to meet the needs of all students, and with a smaller group setting the chance of over-stimulation or sensory overwhelm is decreased. This allows for more frequent interactions between the teacher and the students, as well as meaningful interaction amongst peers. In APE our students are fully engaged in sports and physical education activities to their fullest potential to increase and enhance gross and fine motor skills.
- Therapy Space
  - DESTINY students at Morton Gingerwood have the opportunity to access specialized spaces such as a sensory activation space designed with key therapeutic principles in mind. Additionally, the reading and relaxation space can be utilized for students who need a calming environment to regulate their sensory system.
- Life Skills
  - The Morton Gingerwood building includes a life skills classroom with a full kitchen and laundry equipment for practicing important life skills.
- The Great Outdoors
  - Morton Gingerwood has an enclosed accessible playground. It also has access to an additional park and a walking path for gross motor breaks. The staff at MGW have partnered with the Oak Forest Park District to utilize the concession stand and pavilion for special events and activities at the school.
- Offices on Site
  - Southwest Cooperative's PBIS Coordinator, BCBA's, as well as our AT specialist have offices housed at MGW. This provides increased access to these staff members for their consistent and continuous support for our students and their needs.

### Social

- Southwest School at Morton Gingerwood is a PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) school! Our DESTINY Program follows our three main expectations at MGW. Our students are always doing their best to Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. Social skills instruction is a regular part of DESTINY programming.
- At Southwest School @ MGW our staff understand that without general education peer models in the building it is imperative for our staff to serve as models to our students. Our staff consistently model communication and social skills for students at all grade levels.

Arrival and Bus Unloading 9:00-9:10  
Classes Begin 9:15  
Classes End 3:10  
Bus Loading 3:15-3:20