

GIFTED NEWSLETTER

ALA GILBERT & GSE

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| <p>2nd Grade - Students have been analyzing various resources to learn about the Winter Olympics. The results of the upcoming Olympics will be organized on a cumulative project that also incorporates time, fractions, and geometric properties.</p> | <p>3rd Grade - Third graders are learning about the Vikings and other civilizations that influenced their technology, beliefs, and daily lives. They will also be working through the engineering process to create a 3D model of a Viking longship,</p> |
| <p>4th Grade - The Henry Ford Invention Convention is an international program that allows students to identify challenges and create solutions by inventing something new. This year, ALA's gifted 4th graders will be participating in the Invention Convention hosted by ASU.</p> | <p>5th Grade - Students will analyze the works of Leonardo DaVinci and the connections between Renaissance innovations and modern-day advancements. Their work will be summarized in a digital slideshow and presented to their peers.</p> |
| <p>6th Grade - Using the roles and responsibilities of a literature circle, sixth graders will analyze the novel <i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i> by Trenton Lee Stewart. Each student will contribute to discussions about assigned reading from the view point of their various roles.</p> | <p>Mrs. Shively Email: Vanessa.Shively@alascschools.org</p> <p></p> |

Wish List

Our first semester has been jam packed with hands-on S.T.E.A.M. activities. We are in need of some supplies to continue our creative work. If you have any of these items at home that you no longer need, please consider sending them in with your child to add to our Maker Space. It can be leftover supplies from a celebration, random items in your junk drawer, or dollar store treasures.

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| Popsicle sticks | Tissue paper |
| Glue sticks | Tape (any kind) |
| Hot Glue sticks | Plastic utensils |
| Disposable cups/plates/bowls | Pipe cleaners |
| Foil | Clear tubing |
| Cardboard tubes | Coffee filters |
| Clay | Tri-fold presentation boards |
| Playdough | Newspapers |
| Markers | Paint |
| Flat cardboard (thinner than 2 pennies so it fits in the Chomp Saw) | |
| Unique packaging materials | |