



Mrs. MacPherson's Gifted Newsletter

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From the desk of Mrs. MacPherson

Battle of the Books-
2/8/26

President's Day- 2/16/26

Parent/Teacher
Conferences-
February 5th and 6th

The Gifted Learner

This month our gifted learners are delving into deeper projects that require divergent thinking and math problem-solving that involves multiple steps.

A gifted learner might be exceptional in math but average in writing or highly creative but not test strong. Students often articulate areas where they think they are strong and other areas that may require more time and effort on their part.

It is so exciting to see students make connections, use abstract thinking and ask big questions.

6th Grade

We will begin the Stock Market Game with students learning about financial education, decision-making and data analysis. Using the roles and responsibilities of a literature circle, sixth graders will analyze the novel, *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart. Each student will contribute to discussions about assigned reading from the viewpoint of their various roles.

5th Grade

Students will read the fantasy book, *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* and engage in an escape room that involves solving clues and figuring out every secret puzzle in order to navigate the escape route. Problem based projects involving the application of fractions, decimals and percent concepts will be explored.

4th Grade

As a class, we will choose a contemporary fiction book that lends itself well to dramatic interpretation and features engaging characters, dialogue, and plot twists. Students will select a script excerpt or adapt sections of the book for a Reader's Theater performance.

3rd Grade

3rd graders will delve into the fascinating world of Native American tribes. Through research and exploration, students will gain a deeper understanding of cultures, traditions, and histories of various Native American groups.

2nd Grade

Students have been analyzing various resources to learn about the Winter Olympics. The medal results of the upcoming Olympics will be organized in a cumulative project that also incorporates time, fractions, and geometric properties.