

AIG PARENT CONNECTION

FROM THE AIG DEPARTMENT

As we move into the final stretch of the school year, our gifted learners continue to demonstrate creativity, perseverance, and academic growth. Quarter 3 is filled with exciting celebrations—from academic competitions and student recognitions to planning for summer enrichment and next year's coursework.

AIG specialists are working closely with teachers to ensure students remain challenged, engaged, and supported as we prepare for a strong finish to the school year. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your child's advanced learning journey!

UNDERSTANDING OUR GIFTED PROGRAM

Spring is an important time for transitions. Rising 6th graders prepare for middle school placement, rising 9th graders begin planning honors, AP, and Career & College Promise pathways, and high school students update their four-year Differentiated Education Plans (DEPs).

Strong transitions ensure continuity of services and help gifted learners stay appropriately challenged as they move to the next level.

SPOTLIGHT TOPIC: GROWTH MINDSET IN GIFTED LEARNERS

Gifted students thrive when they are encouraged to think deeply, explore new ideas, and solve open-ended problems.

Ways to encourage higher-level thinking at home:

- Ask open-ended questions like "Why do you think that?"
- Encourage healthy debates on real-world topics.
- Introduce logic puzzles and strategy games.
- Support independent passion projects.
- Invite your child to design, invent, or create something new.

ORGANIZATION TIPS FOR GIFTED LEARNERS

As the school year winds down, organization and time management become especially important.

Try these strategies:

- Track projects and testing dates on a visible calendar.
- Break large assignments into smaller checkpoints.
- Maintain consistent routines during testing periods.
- Celebrate effort and growth—not just final grades.
- Reflect together on accomplishments from this year.

IMPORTANT DCS DATES & SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

***Second Grade CogAt Testing Window: March 30 th – April 30th**

***End-of-Grade (EOG) Testing Window: Late May 2026**

***End-of-Course (EOC) Testing Window: Early June 2026**

***Gifted Program Advisory Council (GPAC) Meeting: May 1, 2026**

***AIG Summer Camp (Rising 6–8 Students): July 13–16, 2026**

Summer is an excellent time to continue nurturing curiosity and talent through reading challenges, STEM exploration, passion projects, and academic enrichment opportunities.

STAY CONNECTED

Look for our Quarter 4 edition as we celebrate the year in review and prepare for 2026–2027.