



Gifted Newsletter

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From the desk of
Mrs. Madrigal

Hi Defender Families!
Welcome back to another
wondrous year in Gifted!

We'll be incorporating the
Depth and Complexity Icons
this year to further
encourage and hone critical
thinking skills. I've attached
some information in the link
below, feel free to take a look.
If you have any questions or
concerns, please reach out
to me.

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Email is best! I will reply back
within 24hrs!

[Depth and Complexity Icons](#)

Important Dates & Reminders

- Defender Night (Meet the Teacher) 7/27
 - K-5: 3-5pm
 - 6-12: 5-7pm
- CogAT Testing window closes Sept 4th
 - Be sure to talk with your child's
teacher if you want them tested

6th Grade

- Funny fiction stories inspired by the
book, The Day the Crayons Quit
- Logic using inverse operations
- TED Ed math riddles/Brain Boost

5th Grade

- Patterns in our Number System and
Base 10 project
- Personal Narratives
- Daily SET and Quiddler brain games

4th Grade

- Logic Puzzles
- Short Story writers craft
- Mathematical Operations Choice
Board

3rd Grade

- Perplexor Brain teasers
- Analogies and Word Ladders
- Creating arrays with unknown factors

