

GATE Information Night

October 17th, 2017

Montair Elementary School



What is GATE?

- ✧ GATE represents **Gifted And Talented Education**.
- ✧ The term ***gifted*** refers to children who show, or have the potential for showing, an exceptional level of performance in one or more areas of expression.
- ✧ GATE is the differentiated and specialized education *within* the classroom designed for these gifted children.
- ✧ GATE identification enables teachers to recognize and meet the unique needs of gifted students early on and throughout the school year.
- ✧ Students retain GATE status throughout their entire experience in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Montair GATE Staff and Responsibilities

Montair Administration

- ✱ Principal Tricaso
- ✱ TSA Andrea Tapia
- ✱ Oversees the implementation of GATE curriculum in the classroom
- ✱ Encourages excellence in GATE students and staff members

Classroom Teachers

- ✱ 3rd: Mrs. Knott and Mrs. Maurer
- ✱ 4th: Mrs. Hernandez
- ✱ 5th: Mrs. Scott
- ✱ Provide differentiated instruction for GATE students on a daily basis
- ✱ Communicate the strengths and needs of students to their parents

GATE Parent Liaison

Tiffany Ferreri and Margaret Fulton

- ✱ Parent of GATE student
- ✱ Experience as a parent of a GATE student at Montair
- ✱ Experiences working with students and parents as the Liaison

Responsibilities

- ✱ Offers a parent perspective to the program
- ✱ Organizes and encourages parent discussions and activities

Purpose of GATE in the San Ramon Valley Unified School district (SRVUSD)

- ✱ Support excellence in the district through a program that enhances the education of **ALL** students while addressing the specific needs of the gifted.
- ✱ Provide GATE students with planned and organized learning experiences that are integrated into the regular school day.
- ✱ Ensure continuous academic growth with an equitable identification process, differentiated instruction, and enrichment in the classroom.

Goals for GATE in the SRVUSD

1. **Appropriate Pace:** Is the child moving through the curriculum at a pace that ensures continuous progress?
2. **Depth of Thinking and Instruction:** Does the curriculum allow the gifted child to go deeper than the surface of the subject area?
3. **Complexity:** Is the gifted child challenged by critical thinking and higher order thinking skills in the classroom?
4. **Product:** Does the child have the opportunity to be creative and then apply knowledge to real life situations?

" True intelligence is reflected in a student's willingness to stay with a frustrating and difficult task until mastery is achieved."

–Susan Winebrenner, GATE Specialist and Author

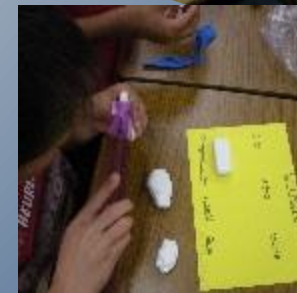
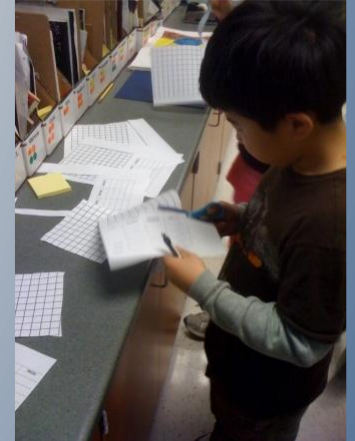
Benefits of In-Class GATE Instruction

- ✱ Instruction is constant and consistent
- ✱ Focus remains on growth
- ✱ Advanced (non-GATE) students are also challenged
- ✱ Content builds on and addresses standards
- ✱ Qualified classroom teacher

Good Teaching Practices in Differentiation



- ✱ Done naturally by teachers
- ✱ One-on-one instruction
- ✱ Small group instruction
- ✱ Learning Centers in Math and Language Arts
- ✱ "May Do" Activities
- ✱ Lesson extension activities/projects
- ✱ Incorporate student choice
- ✱ Open-ended projects/assignments
- ✱ Technology Integration (DreamBox)



GATE Instruction/Strategies :

- ✱ Hands-on Problem Solving Activities
- ✱ Group Work for Problem Solving
- ✱ Collaboration and Leadership Opportunities
- ✱ Challenge Extension Activities – Delving Deeper into the Same Lesson Topic
- ✱ Alternate Spelling Lists
- ✱ In Class Creative Projects
- ✱ Tiered Questioning
- ✱ Problem of the Month
- ✱ Personal Goals and Expectations
- ✱ Reading and Writing Workshop: Conferences and “just right” reading
- ✱ GATE Specific/Flexible Grouping

Please Keep in Mind...

- ✱ Just as students learn differently, teachers instruct differently. Teachers meet the same goals but with different styles.
 1. Dynamics of class
 2. Dynamics of the child
 3. Curriculum
- ✱ Gifted students have regular needs too
 1. Social training
 2. Have not reached mastery in all concepts
- ✱ Montair's GATE program is evolving based on student needs

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- ✱ Help organize/host GATE events
- ✱ Volunteer to assist a classroom teacher
- ✱ Teach an additional after school enrichment class in your area of expertise

Questions & Answers

Thank you all for coming! It has been a pleasure telling you about our GATE program at Montair.

