

# NEWSLETTER

## What is G.A.T.E.?



The **GATE** program is the educational program designed to address the learning styles of the students who have been identified as gifted and talented through testing or teacher recommendation.

### Compacting the Curriculum

Eliminating skills or concepts already mastered by the students

#### Depth

Challenging learners by enabling them to venture further, deeper, and in a more elaborative manner

#### Complexity

Broadening the learners' understanding of the area of study by making connections, relationships, and associations.

#### Novelty

Gaining a personal understanding of the area under study or constructing meaning of knowledge in an individualized manner.

#### Acceleration

Altering the pace or speed of learning and providing more sophisticated resources for learning in order to challenge learners.



### HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

1. Volunteer to teach a class for GATE students (4th-5th Grades)
2. Monitor a class – Be an extra adult in the classroom to pass out materials, watch behavior, run errands, take pictures, stay with students until they are all picked up.
3. Snack person- Serve and watch over snack time before the sessions begin.
4. Supplier of snacks
5. Class finder – Help us find enrichment opportunities.

### What is a gifted child?

- Unusually large vocabularies for their age
- Ability to read earlier than most children, often before entering school
- Greater comprehension of the subtleties of language
- Longer attention span, persistence and intense concentration
- Ability to learn basic skills more quickly and with less practice.
- Wide range of interests
- Highly developed curiosity and a limitless supply of questions.
- Interest in experimenting and doing things differently
- Tendency to put ideas or things together in ways that are unusual and not obvious.

