**Creek View Elementary’s Talented & Gifted (TAG) Program **

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* Purpose of the Program
	+ Provides specialized education to reach full potential
	+ Interaction with intellectual peers and further differentiation
	+ Assist faculty in identifying and understanding what “gifted” means
* Program Model
	+ All-day pull-out program one day a week
	+ Morning routine, TEAM Time, specials, and dismissal with regular class; lunch and recess as a TAG class
	+ Regular education teachers will modify missed assignments.
	+ TAG papers sent home at the end of the unit
	+ TAG homework is rare, but it may include gathering resources or finishing a project with an upcoming deadline.
	+ TAG conferences held in April/May, although parents can request one at any time; parent meeting in February/March for parents of fifth graders to discuss middle school placements
	+ Please provide us with your email address for newsletters, announcements, etc.
* Guidelines
	+ No need to retest once eligibility is established; students are served through high school as long as they maintain satisfactory progress; reciprocity in Georgia, but may need to retest out-of-state
	+ A student could be placed on probation and/or dismissed from the program if the performance becomes unsatisfactory; parents will be contacted.
	+ TAG report cards are issued after each of the three curriculum units; grades are satisfactory or needs improvement.
	+ Do not be concerned if your child receives an “N” as it simply means this area is being developed; we will contact you with any serious classroom issues.
	+ Many children experience an adjustment period at first, but this improves as they become more comfortable with the routines, expectations, and teaching strategies.
	+ All of our units are tied to Science and SS GPS objectives, so you will see some of the same content covered as in the regular classroom; however, students will not be repeating activities as we explore topics in depth and utilize different teaching strategies.
* Curriculum
	+ Begin with Brain Boosters to develop logical and creative thinking
	+ Journal writing to set goals, demonstrate understanding, and reflect on the day
	+ TAG units focus on TAG Learning Objectives, which are evaluated on the TAG report card:
		- All units incorporate advanced communication skills (speaking, writing, interviewing, using technology, creating products and presentations, small group discussions, journal writing).
		- One unit incorporates advanced research skills (selecting and using resources, organizing and analyzing information, formulating questions, defending research, citing sources).
		- One unit incorporates higher order thinking skills (asking and responding to questions, comparing, making decisions, drawing conclusions, examining issues from various perspectives).
		- One unit incorporates creative problem solving skills (using a variety of problem solving strategies, brainstorming, demonstrating fluency/flexibility/synthesis/evaluation, taking risks, monitoring and reflecting).
* Daily lessons provide strategies for mastering content by making decisions, solving problems and mysteries, comparing and contrasting, using metaphors, asking/answering critical thinking questions, researching, creating, and utilizing higher order thinking skills/multiple intelligences.
* Think-Tac-Toe and Choice Board activities provide long-term extension of daily lessons during each unit and are based on student choice.
* Performance assessments at the end of each unit allow students to summarize newly acquired knowledge and skills.

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