
NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GIFTED AND TALENTED

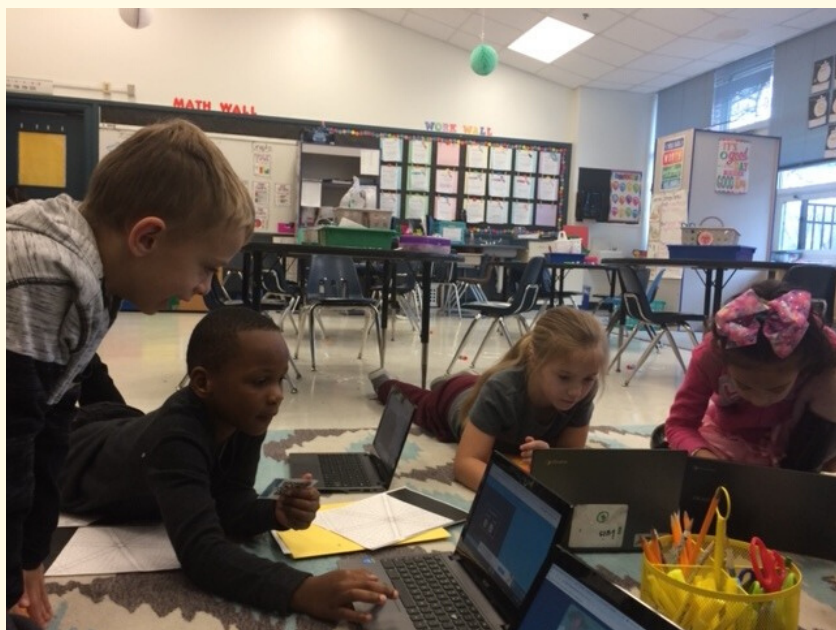
***KENDALL ELEMENTARY
GIFTED & TALENTED:
CREATIVITY***



For our Norwalk students, our KES GT program will plan interactive, engaging, enriching activities and programming to promote the diverse and distinct talents exhibits by our student population. With student input, our program will provide appropriately challenging learning opportunities to allow student opportunities to interact with each other in order to develop connections and bonds. We look forward to meeting and working in collaboration with parents and stakeholders to share relevant information, concise facts, informed data, and current policies.

Mission: We are committed to nurturing the whole child's distinct and diverse strengths, talents, and passions in order to develop student-driven critical thinking, authentic learning, individual responsibility, and global citizenship.

Vision: We believe gifts and talents are present in all children. Through the cultivation of enjoyment, engagement, and enthusiasm for learning, we will nurture students' unique social-emotional needs and creative thinking practices. As a result, students will contribute to their school, community, and society as constructive and innovative global citizens.



***On Creativity -
“You can’t use up
creativity. The more you
use, the more you have.”
—Maya Angelou***

***On Curiosity -
“I have no special talent.
I am only passionately
curious.”
—Albert Einstein***

2020 RECENT EVENTS

March

For everyone, especially 5th grade: How to craft a podcast

For everyone, especially grades 3-5: Dear Poet writing letter project

For everyone, especially 3rd grade: MI Creature

For everyone: Renzulli Learning access link

Teaching Tolerance 1-2 Lessons and Readings:

For Project GLOW: I attached your copies to your letter with your project packet

KES GT Inventors Newsletter

On the Gifted and Talented Learning Portal, all district GT teachers have shared our contact information and Google classroom sites.

Our K- Second Google Classroom

is: <https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/NzI0NTcwMzQ3NTNa>

Our Third - Fifth Google Classroom

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KES Schoolwide Enrichment Newsletter

Elementary Gifted and Talented Distance
Learning Portal of the Norwalk Public Schools

<https://tinyurl.com/dlInpsgt>

Creativity

Strengthening your Mind - Thinking of Novel Solutions

When you approach life with a creative attitude, you are more open to new ideas and possibilities, better able to understand others' perspectives, and more likely to seek out multiple solutions to problems.

You can use it to help you improve your mood and cope with stress, feel more connected with other people and the world—and even help you find meaning and purpose in life.



How do I encourage creativity in others?

Model it: Try new experiences and look for new ways of seeing things.

Be flexible in your path to reaching a goal.

Celebrate it: Appreciate creative thinking in others.

Enable it: Ask open-ended questions. Point out that there usually isn't a single straightforward answer to any complex problem

Creativity Pulse Check

Think about yourself.

How many of these things are true?

- I often seek out novel experiences and ways of doing things.
- I like to think of different ways to reach my goals.
- I often make decisions that take me outside my comfort zone.
- I have a playful attitude toward learning something new.
- I enjoy connecting the dots between seemingly different perspectives and thoughts.

Creativity Exercises for Spring

Rather than focus on completing a task, think of all the different ways you might accomplish the same goal or even question why you are doing it.

Look for examples of creativity among exemplary artists, scientists, and leaders throughout history or in your local community, and talk about them to your family, friends, and students.

Allow time for mind-wandering, play, and daydreaming. Enjoying helping the young people in your life find even small ways to shake things up.

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Creativity Photos

KES GT would like to share these images to express the creative learning opportunities offered because GT exists and thrives in our district.

