



Welcome to
HORIZONS
at
Whitlow ES

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Points of Discussion »



- Horizons Goals
- Curriculum
- Collaboration
- Evaluation
- Communication
- Questions



Who are the Gifted?



- ~Deep & abstract thinkers
- ~Wise beyond their years
- ~Focused on justice & rules
- ~Intuitive & insightful listeners
- ~Seers & connectors of meanings in patterns
- ~Expressive in a variety of ways
- ~Possess unusual emotional depth
- ~Friends of adults, but not always of peers
- ~Perfectionists
- ~Always need to know
- ~Leaders & individuals
- ~Always right, always first
- ~Rapid learners

In Horizons we strive to be ...



Responsible Citizens by being considerate

Creative Problem Solvers by brainstorming and researching problems

Logical Problem Solvers by analyzing problems

Communicators by speaking and writing clearly

Researchers by collecting and presenting information

Self-Directed Learners by performing at your optimal level

Producers of Excellence by embracing mistakes and revising work

Critical Thinkers by using your powers of reasoning

What does Horizons look
like for 2011-2012 at
Whitlow?



First Grade



Every Monday 9:15-11:15 and Every Day during
H.O.W.L. 12:45-1:30

- PETS – Primary Education Thinking Skills
 - Scientific Process Skills
 - Vocabulary

Second Grade



Every Tuesday 9:15-10:30, 11:45-12:45 and Every Day
during H.O.W.L. 1:30-2:15

- PETS – Primary Education Thinking Skills
 - Language and Word Play
 - Algebra: Into the Unknown

Third Grade



Every Wednesday 10:00-11:30 and
Every Day during H.O.W.L. 8:30-
9:15

- PETS – Primary Education Thinking Skills
 - Building Language
 - Hands-on Equations
 - Dig It

Fourth Grade



Every Thursday 10:45-12:15
and Every Day during H.O.W.L.
8:30-9:15



- Caesar's English I
- Environmental Detective
- Math and Science Designers
- Revolutionary War Spies

Fifth Grade



Every Friday 9:15-10:45 and
Every Day during H.O.W.L.
8:30-9:15

- Caesar's English II
- Fantasy Football Math
- A House Divided & Panic!
- Forensic Science

Curriculum »



Units of instruction incorporate:



- ✿ Georgia Performance Standards
- ✿ Forsyth County Gifted Standards
- ✿ Critical and Creative Thinking Skills
- ✿ Vocabulary and Language Development
- ✿ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Skills

Collaboration »



Horizons teachers and homeroom teachers meet regularly to provide appropriate activities that differentiate, enrich and challenge all students.



- Math Rules
- ANGEL
- Extension Units
- Self-guided studies
- Genre Studies
- Discovery Imagination
- Enrichment

Evaluation »



Elementary Progress Reports - (twice a year) Gifted Standards Grading Scale



- 4 – Distinguished/WOW!
 - 3 – Excellent
- 2 – Acceptable/Good/In Progress
 - 1 – Below Standard

Students in grades 3-5 will also self-assess on the gifted progress report

Extra Curricular »



- Georgia Tech K.I.D.S. Club
- Social Studies Fair
- Science Fair



Communication »



- e-mails
- Newsletters
- Website
- Conferences

Questions? »



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