



# GIFTED & TALENTED

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## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER

As part of the Gifted & Talented program this year, each grade level is completing a unit of study from the Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP). TPSP allows scholars to enhance their academic opportunities by extending the learning in the classroom into the Gifted & Talented classroom. The units are based on the Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS) & focus on the foundation content areas of English language arts, math, science, & social studies with interdisciplinary connections. Each unit includes guided instruction & activities & leads to the opportunity for independent research. Listed below are the units each grade level is currently studying & what they worked on in the month of September.

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## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

### 1st GRADE - Songwriter's Club

Miss Mary Mack...a song or story or both? It is both! Stories can be written into songs & songs tell stories. Scholars have explored songs & nursery rhymes as storytelling devices. We have learned the difference between rhyming, repetition, & alliteration & have seen how songs have characters, a setting, beginning, middle, & end just like stories. The next part of this project will be writing a personal narrative & turning it into a song!

### 2nd GRADE - Secret Lives Of Public Spaces

Where have you been? This was the question that started this project. After listing all of the places scholars have been, we determined that some places are considered public places & some are private places. Public places are for everyone, & private places are for you & your family. We took a look at where we are located in the world. We went from the world to the continent to the country to the state & to the city in which we live. Scholars went on 2 virtual field trips, Bastrop State Park & Yellowstone National Park. The next step is creating our own park!



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# WHAT WE ARE LEARNING CONTINUED

## 3rd GRADE - Building A Business: Games & Toys

Toys & games are everywhere! Scholars have discussed how toys have changed over time. They created their own toy timeline reflecting the toys throughout their life. Each scholar chose a toy or game company to find out who started the company & when, the history, & products that are currently being made. The next step is creating our own game companies!

## 4th GRADE - Enigmas

Enigmas = an unsolved mystery...The Marfa Lights & the Collatz Conjecture are just 2 enigmas in our world that no one truly understands. There are theories on both but no one has ever proved or disproved any of the theories. After looking up other enigmas in our world, scholars chose 1 enigma to research. Our findings have been very interesting. Stay tuned!