



GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

Dear parents and guardians,

As we begin this new journey, remember the words of Henry Ford: "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't - you're right."

This year, we are all about setting goals and achieving them. Are you ready to dive into a year filled with incredible learning experiences? What new challenges are you excited to conquer? This year, we are thrilled to announce that Parkside's Gifted and Talented Education Program will be supported by Ms. Katie Schuessler and Mrs. Megan Kiser. We will provide services to grades 1st-5th using a 2-way rotation model.

In our International Baccalaureate (IB) environment, we will be using the collaborative and resource model to support our gifted and talented students. Collaboration means working together to achieve common goals, where everyone's ideas and contributions are valued. In addition to our gifted lead teachers working alongside homeroom teachers, students will also have weekly sessions with Ms. Schuessler and Mrs. Kiser on their personalized learning days. During these days, students will engage in critical and creative thinking, and explore unit studies that will challenge and inspire them.

We are excited for a year filled with curious minds, kind hearts, and being Panda Proud!

**Sincerely,
Ms. Schuessler and Mrs. Kiser**

**AS A STUDENT
IN OUR PROGRAM,
WE ASK THAT
YOU COME
PREPARED TO:**

**1. SET AND PURSUE
MEANINGFUL
GOALS.**

**2. TAKE
OWNERSHIP
OF YOUR
LEARNING.**

**3. EMBRACE
CHALLENGES
WITH A
POSITIVE
ATTITUDE.**

**4. COLLABORATE
EFFECTIVELY
WITH PEERS
AND TEACHERS.**

**5. CONTINUOUSLY
REFLECT ON
YOUR GROWTH.**