



Elementary Academy



for 3rd – 5th Grade G. A. T. E. and High-Achieving Students

*Academic Excellence, and Opportunities for Extension and Personal Investment
for Elementary Academy Students on the First Street School Site*

Program Mission Statement

The *Elementary Academy* philosophy is that students develop strong foundation skills and enhance their knowledge bases first within grade level curricula, and then beyond through the breadth and/or depth of extension activities. Furthermore, by providing students with a full class of complementary peers with whom to debate and discuss classroom concepts, each is encouraged to rise to his or her potential. In these high-affect classrooms, enjoying the process is the goal! Excellence in social skills and academics is the result.

- Classes taught by GATE Certified Instructors within self-contained classrooms at the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades.
- Opportunity to advance 1 to 3 grade levels in Mathematics.
- Weekly logic and problem solving activities.
- *Elementary Academy* students typically read well above grade level.
- Personalized curricular goal setting.
- Students study History and Social Studies on grade level topics, but with emphasis on depth and breadth.
- Music Extension: Beginning Band and Choir opportunities on the FSS campus prepare students for the *GEMS Honors Academy*.
- Each GATE classroom is equipped with a full set of Chromebooks for easy access to software and file management skills using aspects of Google Suite including: Docs, Slides, Forms, and Sheets.
- Robotics/drones through our credentialed science teacher.
- Enrichment opportunities support in S.T.E.A.M. from school and outside agencies.
- Art assignments support other curricular areas.
- Projects acknowledging students' own interests, with contracts, rubrics, and final presentations.
- Rosetta Stone: This coming year we will be offering Rosetta Stone to all of our 3rd and 4th graders. They will be able to choose a language of interest and learn at their own pace. They will have access at home and at school.
- Students write using literary conflict concepts to promote positive social and behavioral choices. Students create multimedia or other Project-Based Learning instructional products.
- In Drama and Performing Arts, students evaluate media, practice public speaking skills, and participate in dramatic performances.

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