



OVERVIEW

Our SELF-CONTAINED ELEMENTARY program contains about 70 children – all gifted – from grades 3-5.

FACULTY

There are 4 GIFTED ENDORSED teachers who are departmentalized, a GIFTED COORDINATOR, and ADMINISTRATOR to meet the individual social, emotional, and academic needs of your gifted child.

CLASSES

- The classes are multi-age, or grouped by grade level, depending on the numbers and needs of our students.
- The children are placed into subject areas by ability level, as well as by grade level. We have third graders working in 5th grade math, 4th graders in 6th grade math (one of the benefits of being on a middle school campus).
- **Curriculum compacting** enables the children to go through the curriculum at a faster pace, providing more time for **enrichment** and possibly **acceleration**.
- PE/RECESS are built into the daily schedule with a GIFTED ENDORSED teacher.
- ELECTIVES (SPECIALS) are 45 minutes daily, usually around a performing arts subject.

ENRICHMENT

- Field Trips - We try to go on field trips monthly, both in and out of the county, in addition to in-house programs.
- Clubs – after school clubs (optional dinner provided) include, but are not limited to... SECME, Drama, Math club, Debate, Gardening, Chess
- Enrichment Clusters – multi-age groups that meet weekly or biweekly to apply relevant knowledge, thinking skills, and interpersonal skills to solve a self-selected real-world problem. These problems involve an emotional or internal commitment on the part of the group, in addition to a cognitive or scholarly interest. These groups culminate with a presentation to the school community.
- Portfolio Conferences – the children keep portfolios that contains gifted goals, work samples and reflections of these samples over the course of their stay at Parkway's Gifted Academy. Parents are invited annually to share in the growth and self-awareness that our children have gained throughout the year(s).
- Innovative Learning Lab – flat panel TVs, interactive whiteboard, global communication devices, moveable furniture.

Transportation

- School buses are provided cost-free from all areas of the county.
Our elementary students are introduced to the bus driver the first day of school and sit right up front.
Breakfast is available once the children arrive at school.
Children are met before school and wait as a group in our elementary lunch room to be escorted to class.
Children are escorted to the buses in the afternoon before the middle school is dismissed.
Activity buses are provided for **most days** for children staying for clubs.
- Parent drop off and pick up is also an option.
Children are escorted to breakfast in the morning and supervised together.
Teachers escort the elementary children out to car line 10 minutes before the middle school dismissal and parents have a pass to the front of the car line if they arrive on time.

Safety

Although our program is on a middle school campus, our elementary students do not interact with the middle school children.

- Elementary students are always escorted around campus.
- Our classrooms are in a secure location in the Gifted Academy building on campus.

- The children move to and from classes at a different bell schedule than the middle school students, always escorted by an adult.
- Elementary lunch is earlier than middle school lunch and eaten in a separate cafeteria.

For More Information...

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