

What's happening with Westwood's accelerated learners?

	How do you differentiate instruction for your gifted population? Specific strategies used/activities completed, within different content areas?	
Kinder	Lang.Arts/Soc.St./Science – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal writing • Kindergarten Authors program • “Book of Words” • Advanced reading comprehension • storytelling skills • oral presentations • Big Buddies • Independent reading levels 	Math <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced patterning • Tessellations • Sorting with multiple attributes • Word problems • Story telling with math sentences • Critical thinking with sequencing and advanced number sentences
1st Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First grade students are not officially identified or grouped. Rather, when it is recognized that a child would benefit from a particular challenge the assignment is given. This enrichment group is very flexible. • Reading: Book reports, reading logs, higher level reading books, differentiated comprehension activities, computer games and activities. • Math: Computer games, board games, Marcy Cook tiles • Beginning First Graders often lack the independence to participate in many of the above listed activities on their own. During the second trimester the frequency of these assignments will increase. As the children gain more independence, we are able to give them a little more space to explore the curriculum. 	
2nd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club • Math Enrichment ~ math workshop; variety of math critical thinking activities; Marcy Cook tiles; Many of the activities are either hands on or more challenging math problems- taking it to the “beyond” with multiplication or for example explaining about obtuse angles versus acute..... • Reading Counts • Workshop for reading, writing, science, and math 	
3rd Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveled literature circles • Extra credit homework assignments that are open-ended questions • Challenge math packets • Journal-open-ended questions • Gifted students help in re-teaching others 	

**4th
Grade**

- Put a selected few GATE and/or high achieving students on the Wordly Wise vocabulary program and monitor them weekly. A parent comes in every other week and corrects with them.
- Put selected GATE and high achieving students in an independent enriched math group doing “Singapore math” challenging word problems about 3 times per week. The students self-correct with an answer key and ask for help when needed.
- Allow GATE and high achieving students to do independent SRA Math cards at the 5th grade level.
- Requested selected students to do independent research to later share with the class toward a deeper understanding of the subject matter we are studying in Social Studies and Language Arts (novel).

For Spring:

- Assign a group of students to do a classroom newsletter.
- Involve GATE and/or high achieving students in a 4th grade play.
- Involve students in a “Reader’s Theatre” activity.
- Create several tiered activities in the “Going West” unit in Social Studies
- Modify the activities in the By the Great Horn Spoon novel study to better challenge GATE or high achievers.
- Free verse poetry books on various subjects.
- Creative writing storybooks with illustrations.
- School wide magazine for yearly publication containing kids’ stories/poetry.

**5th
Grade**

- Offer opportunities for creativity, personal expression and critical thinking
- Leadership roles – examples...American Rev. groups + Math groups + Reading Groups; PE Leadership
- Research papers – enrichment in making more challenging questions
- Daily Math Challenges – harder work not more!
- Small groups of math enrichment
- Computer projects – powerpoint and excel
- Lexile Level in reading + reading counts incentive ...test weekly to increase comprehension and vocabulary skills at their lexile level
- Wordly Wise!!!!!! – gate students get more challenging level book
- State report starts in February...GATE students start their research!
- Math – give Challenge paper to students
- Computer programs hopefully coming

**6th
Grade**

1. Scholastic Reading Counts.
Reading and quizzes at students own level and pace.
2. Project Citizen.
3. Math Field Day.
4. Science Faire Project
5. Shakespearean Play
6. Wordly Wise
7. Problem Solving Enrichment (Math)

