

Parent/Guardian of _____:

Thursday, October 23, 2014

As a result of your child's magnet enrollment, a portfolio of your child's work will be submitted for AIG identification in BOTH reading and math. The portfolio will consist of five work samples. The classroom teacher and TD catalyst teacher will assemble the work samples for the portfolio. The TD portfolio should demonstrate evidence of advanced language, analytical thinking, motivation/perseverance/leadership, perspective/sensitivity/humor, and creativity/artistic talents.

A meeting will be held to discuss the portfolio process and the "at-home" piece in detail. Please join us on November 6, 2014 @ 5:15 in Irwin's media center to learn more.

Parents may work with their child at home to include one additional piece of evidence that shows gifted behaviors. This is referred to as the "at-home" portfolio piece. The "at-home" submission is the sixth piece of the portfolio and is optional. Having or not having this "at-home" piece will in no way hinder the student's placement in TD. The "at-home" piece can only help strengthen the child's portfolio.

AT HOME portfolio submissions are due NOVEMBER 20, 2014.

Components of the at-home portfolio work sample include:

1. **Description of activity from parent.** This description can be no more than 1 paragraph of 5 sentences. If the parent description exceeds this limit only the first five sentences will be read. Information **MUST** describe the activity being submitted and not reference general characteristics of the child.
2. **Student description.** Entries should include a student written description describing the submission he/she selected.
3. **Student work.** At-home student entries should not exceed three pages total. Front and back of a single page counts as two pages. The "at-home" piece may include writing, drawing, awards, graphs, math word problems, photographs or a video. Entries must be two-dimensional and fit in a 9" x12" manila folder; if not, a photograph is acceptable. A DVD, CD, or video/audio tape entry may be attached in a Ziploc bag and should work on school equipment. If submitting a video, submissions cannot exceed three minutes. For submissions that exceed three minutes, only the first three minutes will be viewed.

Tips for the "at-home" submission:

- Tap into your child's talents! Show off their interests
- Examples (but not limited to):
 - A story about a family trip (include the budget and a drawing of your favorite part)
 - A collection of self-created advanced math word problems with step-by-step directions showing how to complete the problems
 - A diagram of a new invention complete with labels and a photo of a Lego model. Write a story telling how this invention changed the world.
 - Character Education Award the child received, with writing about why he/she received the award and how he/she felt about getting the award. Submit a drawing depicting themselves showing good character.

A team of TD teachers will assess the portfolio and results will be made available to the parents upon completion of the Magnet Portfolio Scoring session before winter break.

If you have any questions about the portfolio or the process, please join us at the meeting on November 6, 2014 at 5:15 or contact the TD catalyst teacher at your child's school.

Sincerely,

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