

**Trussville City School District**  
**Paine Elementary, Cahaba Elementary, & Magnolia Elementary Schools**  
**Gifted Education Program (GaTE)**  
**3rd Grade**  
**2019-2020**

**Gifted Education Program Plan Description**

The following is a description of the gifted program units/activities/options to the third, fourth, and fifth grade students at Paine Elementary, Cahaba Elementary, and Magnolia Elementary Schools.

Our conceptual lens this year is **PERSPECTIVE**. Units of study will include critical and creative thinking and hands-on activities that cross the curriculum.

**Units of Study:**

**What Do You Mean I'm Gifted?**

***Essential Understanding: Our perspectives can help shape and define our Giftedness.***

You have been accepted into the Gifted and Talented Education (GaTE) program at your school! But... what exactly does that mean? What does being "Gifted" have to do with you? During our first few weeks together, we'll explore what it means to be perceived as Gifted, learn all about the talents and traits that you possess, and help you to understand how Gifted you truly are!

**Twisted Myths: Greek Mythology**

***Essential Understanding: Looking from a new perspective can deepen our understanding.***

We all know the stories of the classic Greek Myths, but what if we looked at them from a different perspective? We will be exploring classic mythology and presenting our own interpretation of a classic myth through creative dramatics and visual arts. Invitations to our performances are forthcoming.

**Through the Eyes of Our Customers: Marketplace 2020**

***Essential Understanding: Our experiences shape our perspectives.***

What do our customers REALLY want at Marketplace? As young entrepreneurs, we will be surveying our potential customers and using this market research to develop a successful business plan. Marketplace 2017 dates will be for **Paine**: Monday, March 2nd, and Tuesday, March 3rd; for **Magnolia**: Tuesday, March 3rd and for **Cahaba**: Thursday, March 5th. More information will follow.

**WeDo: Robotics**

***Essential Understanding: Engineers use multiple perspectives constantly.***

Just like LEGO bricks snap together, like a great team supporting one another, you, **3rd grade** students, will begin your robotic experience by connecting the pieces of the LEGO WeDo programming kits. There will be building time, programming opportunities, as well as challenges for you to complete. But it all comes with a warning: beware of the "snapping" alligator!

***\*Due to time constraints, units of study are subject to change.\****