



Dear Olive Chapel Elementary AIG Parents,

August 24, 2020

Welcome to a new year of AIG! You are receiving this letter because your student has been identified as AIG and you have given permission for them to participate at OCE. We hope this letter finds everyone excited for the wonderful opportunities our AIG (Academically or Intellectually Gifted) program holds. We are thrilled to be a part of the OCE community as the AIG teachers. We look forward to fostering independent, 21<sup>st</sup> century learners who want to pursue learning opportunities that enrich their personal growth.

As we move through the beginning of the school year, AIG will focus on providing an appropriately challenging educational program for our AIG students. As we plan small group lessons for your student and collaborate with the classroom teachers, we will be utilizing research based practices and the grade level standards. These will support us in addressing the needs of our gifted students in language arts and mathematics.

This letter contains a few important details to be aware of as we get our year started:

- WCPSS Service Details for AIG
- Google Classroom Codes
- AIG Weekly Schedules
- AIG Parent Meetings

### **WCPSS Service Details for AIG**

AIG Teachers will provide instruction in two ways; direct and indirect instruction.

- **Direct instruction** is defined as AIG teacher led teaching for our identified students. Students will receive 45 minutes of direct instruction each week in each identified area. For example:
  - Teaching a small group
  - Teaching a small group with the classroom teacher
  - A blend of Asynchronous lessons (pre-recorded video, flip grids etc. with follow up activities) and Synchronous lessons (live lessons, face-to-face, virtual classroom)
- **Indirect instruction** is defined as supporting teaching and learning by collaborating with teachers, administrators and other district level supports. This support is ongoing for all identified students. For example:
  - Participate in weekly grade level PLTs to provide the best possible framework and service options for remote learning of our AIG students.
  - Collaborate with teachers to determine the current wellbeing and readiness for the learning of **each** student
  - Collaborate with teachers to identify and remove barriers in order to create the best possible learning framework

**Weekly Schedule - AIG Groups will begin the week of 8/31/2020.**

4th Grade		5th Grade	
Math: 10:45- 11:30	ELA: 2:00 - 2:45	Math: 10:05 - 10:50	ELA: 2:00 - 2:45
Brown - Tuesday Bishop - Thursday Joyner - Friday Chaffee - Tuesday Szasz -Monday Montgomery - Monday Nakoneczny - Friday	Brown - Thursday Bishop - Monday Joyner - Wednesday Chaffee - Thursday Szasz - Tuesday Montgomery - Tuesday Nakoneczny- Wednesday	De La Pena -Monday McCarty/ Jones -Tuesday Trainor -Friday Hermanson - Monday Sullivan - Thursday Christensen - Tuesday Parker - Friday	De La Pena - Friday McCarty/ Jones - Thursday Trainor - Monday Hermanson - Friday Sullivan - Wednesday Christensen - Thursday Parker - Monday

**\*If your child is a 4th grader who is participating in Single Subject Acceleration Math they will be going to Math AIG with their 5th grade peers. They will be going to ELA AIG with their 4th grade peers.**

**Google Classroom Codes**

The classroom codes were sent in the email with this welcome letter. To maintain secure links we cannot list them here.

**AIG Parent Meetings**

We will be hosting informational parent meetings soon. We will reach out when these are scheduled.

Please visit our website (<http://acsgiftedgazette.weebly.com>) for the most up-to-date information. You can also follow us on Twitter at @mygiftedgazette. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us via email or school telephone. We encourage two-way communication and believe that no question is too small or too big. Please know that we have a policy of responding to emails and phone messages within 24 hours. This allows us time to respond accurately and completely to any question or concern.

Thank you for everything you do at home to support your student and Olive Chapel Elementary! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Need to contact us?:

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Sincerely,  
Your AIG Team

