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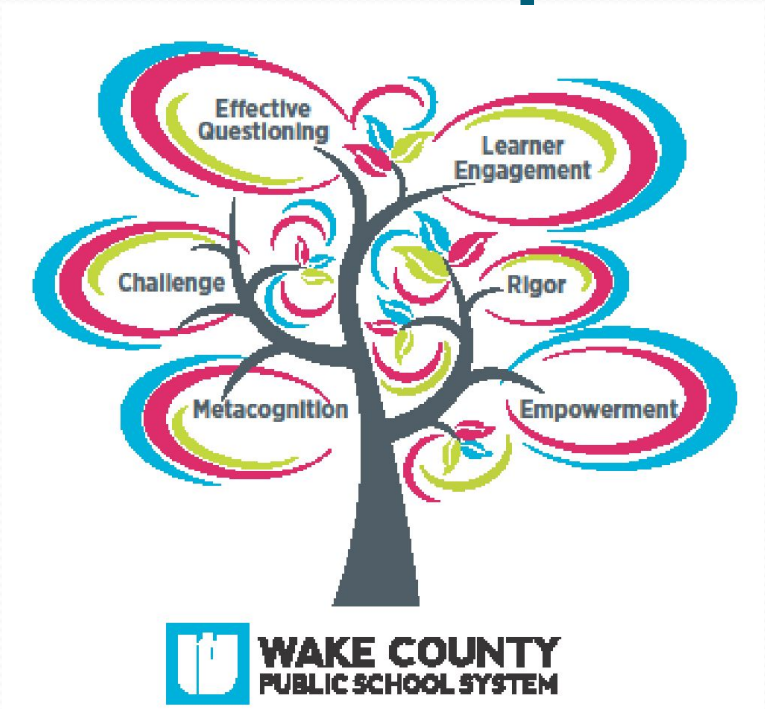

Olive Chapel Elementary School

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The Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Program provides an appropriately challenging education for students who perform, or show potential for performing, at remarkably high levels of accomplishment…

~from the 2016-2019 WCPSS AIG Plan

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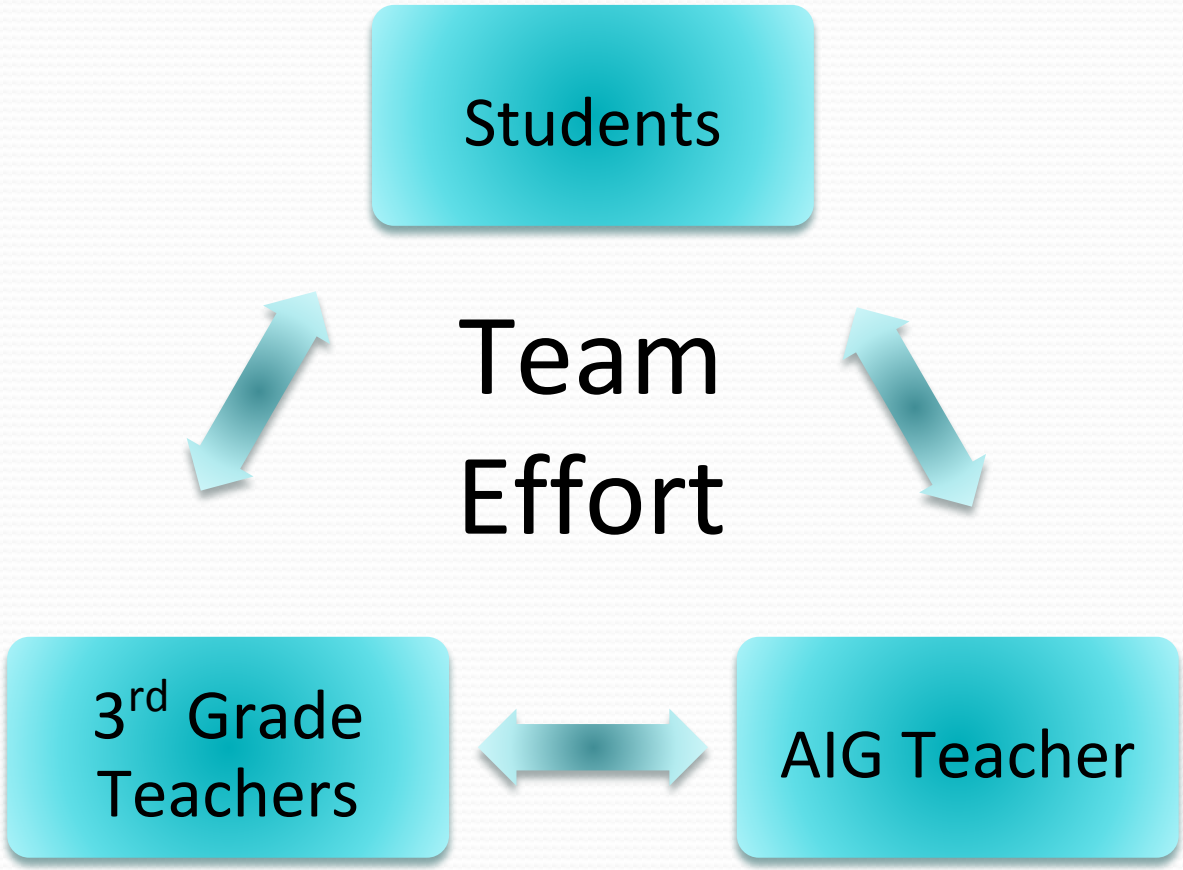

3rd Grade Explorers Classes

The AIG teacher works in partnership with 3rd grade classroom teachers to provide a variety of in-class experiences designed to elicit high academic performance.

Students who demonstrate potential in the activities will receive enrichment/extension activities in language arts and/or math under the guidance of the AIG teacher.

Whole group experiences

Small group experiences

Explorers Classes

- Whole class introductory lessons in the fall semester in each 3rd grade classroom
- Units of study include reading/language arts, math, and writing aligned with the 3rd Grade Common Core Curriculum
- Assessment of student performance and products
- Small group enrichment activities facilitated by the AIG teacher based on classroom teacher and AIG teacher observations

Criteria for Small Group Participation

- Observational checklists by the AIG and classroom teachers
- Rubrics for the products
- Student communication skills
- Student interest
- Student motivation

Groups are flexible as the units of study change. Participation in a small group experience does not mean that a student has been or will be identified for future AIG services.

AIG Identification Process

Informal Indicators

- Student Learning Behaviors
- Student Performance
  - Language Arts and Math Grades
  - mClass Data
  - Student portfolios and work samples
- Student Interest
- Student Motivation

Formal Indicators

- Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)
- Iowa Assessments (IOWA)

3rd Grade Explorers Portfolios

- Student work samples
- Products
- Rubrics
- Journals
- Teacher checklists

Portfolios may be a part of the AIG identification process for 3rd grade students.

Keeping You Informed…..

- AIG Program Brochure
- Parent informational meetings
- School newsletters
- School/ AIG teacher website
- Email for questions and answers

Our goal is to support classrooms with educators working together to help each student grow and develop to their full potential.

~ AIG Plan goal for Explorers

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