**3rd-5th GRADE GIFTED EDUCATION PLAN 2013-2014**

1. **DEVELOP RESEARCH BASED SKILLS**
2. Students will use reference materials and resources to construct research-based long-term projects.
3. Students will master and implement note taking skills in tandem with research method instruction.
4. Students will learn to perform and record and effective and informative personal interview.
5. Students will employ the use of outlines and similar structuring tools to their maximum effect.
6. Students will be taught to compile and analyze information presented into well-developed report formats.
7. Students will develop organizational skills in keeping with the appropriate deadlines and expectations of all long-term activities.
8. Students will complete projects to be entered in the school district’s Social Studies Fair.

**II. ENHANCE THINKING SKILLS AND PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITIES**

1. Students will be presented with word and logic puzzles to expand their creative thinking process.
2. Students will master mindbenders to challenge their cognitive ability.
3. Students will undertake brain teasers which integrate and build upon skills developed within the classroom subject matter (science, math, etc.) setting.
4. Students will be introduced to the Future Problem Solving method. 5th grade students will complete and submit booklets for competition.

**III. IMPROVE COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY SKILLS**

1. Students will improve computer/technology skills including but not limited to software and internet research methods.
2. Students will become familiar with the formats and expectations of written project reports.
3. Students will combine organizational and technological skills to produce long-term projects.
4. Students will implement collected internet and software skills by producing websites.

**IV. EXPAND SCOPE OF LITERARY AND CULTURAL EXPOSURE**

1. Students will maintain reading journals and learn to craft appropriate book reports regarding completed texts.
2. Students will complete long-term research projects.
3. Students will build upon previous literary knowledge by participating in literature circles.
4. Students will demonstrate text mastery by crafting performances surrounding literary and research concepts.
5. Students will obtain first hand cultural enrichment by attending *and* creating live performances of presented literature.

**V. ENHANCE WRITING AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION SKILLS**

1. Students will participate in the Phenix City School District’s Young Authors Competition.
2. 5th grade Gifted students will craft scenarios in keeping with the Future Problem Solving Program’s scenario competition protocols.
3. Students will further their creativity and expressiveness by crafting visual and performance pieces surrounding concepts explored in the classroom setting.
4. Students will delve into the nuances of literature by maintaining detailed writing journals.

**VI. EXPLORING VARIED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Students will explore real-world career opportunities by being presented with career-centric guest speakers.
2. Students will be introduced to varying career avenues through the Career Cruising program.

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