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Early Talent Development

The Primary Talent Development Program

All Elementary Students, Grades PK-2

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Program Description:

The Primary Talent Development (PTD) Program is a science-based expert thinking curriculum, which is based on gifted education and Robert J. Sternberg's research on "successful intelligence." Successful intelligence is the synergy of analytical thinking, creative thinking, and practical application of thought. PTD exposes students to kinesthetic, STEM experiences that introduce the following gifted learning behaviors over time:

- Perceptive
- Inquisitive
- Communicative
- Creative
- Resourceful
- Leadership
- Persistence

Each PTD lesson incorporates the Essential Strategies that may be reinforced in other subject areas:

1. Analyzing Attributes
2. Questioning
3. Creative Problem Solving

High levels of performance on PTD tasks provide useful information on a student's potential to receive additional gifted and talented services through the school-based GATE program or WCPS Magnet Programs.



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