

**Trussville City School District**  
**Paine Elementary, Cahaba Elementary, & Magnolia Elementary Schools**  
**Gifted Education Program (GaTE)**  
**Grades 4-5**  
**2019-2020**

**Gifted Education Program Plan Description**

The following is a description of the gifted program units/activities/options to the 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:**

**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.

**CSI: Who Did or Didn't Do It?**

***Essential Understanding:*** *A variety of perspectives can lead to new discoveries.*

What is it like to be a private investigator? Do you think you could display enough empathy to the victims AND the wrongly accused? Could you think like the perpetrator and figure out the steps that led to the crime being committed? We're going to find out during this unit! You will need to use multiple perspectives in order to solve the case! Are you ready to be an active observer?

**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 2020 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.

**EV3 Robotics: LEGO Toolbox**

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

Calling all **4th and 5th grade** students: you will explore and use the LEGO EV3 robotics kits, focusing on developing an engineer's perspective as you work. Programming is an essential piece to making your robot complete the actions that you want it to do. You will design, test, and troubleshoot your programs, which will require active thinking. Can you look through the eyes of an engineer... or even your robot?

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