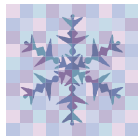


SCOTIA-GLENVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOLS



January 2010



Opportunities & Programs for Advanced Learners

where students shine

Parent Corner

Each month we will provide you with information regarding community activities for your children and/or information about gifted learners.

Community Events

Proctors Theater has educational films Fly me to the Moon and The Human Body

Schenectady Museum has FETCH! Labs every Saturday in January (based on PBS tv show) as well as SUPER SCIENCE SUNDAYS
<http://www.schenectadymuseum.org/events.php>

Parent Resources

The Gifted Parent Online

A power point presentation worth a look.

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The Gifted Parent Online: Totally Free Internet Tools for Parent Support & Advocacy

University of Connecticut-website list

<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/parents/parentws.html>

AGATE

www.agateny.org

Student Websites

Language Arts Games

<http://www.mrnussbaum.com/langgames.htm>

History Mystery

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/histmyst/index.asp>

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well."

Rene Descartes 1596

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Primary OPAL

Grades 1 and 2: The interdisciplinary learning centers created from themed suggestions by classroom teachers remain in each classroom to address the needs of advanced learners as well as any other students who may move quickly through material. Topics for January remain: Bears (Gr 2) and The Mitten (Gr 1).

The non fiction nouns for the month of January are Andy Warhol, Underground Railroad, the Titanic and Rosa Parks. Technology is integrated to most of these lessons.

Intermediate OPAL

Grade 3: Students are working hard on their research for our living time line of Scotia project, as well as delving into their literature relating to time concepts. Students continue to read A Pitch in Time by Lytle. Students will have a chance to perform their living timelines for their peers in the coming months.

Grade 4: *Questions*—Students will be learning about the art of improvisation and how many skits are designed around a central question. They will try their hands at writing one of these humorous scripts as well. Classes will also learn about and create question poetry in the area of science. These poems will be submitted to a national poetry competition as well as a local children's publication.

Grade 5: *Viewpoints*—The fifth graders have investigated the art of illusion and how the magic is not always as we perceive it. Students have also taken the role of a foreign exchange student as we investigate idioms and their literal versus perceived meanings. The children will be able to spend some time in the labs researching the needs of different animal infants, and write short stories from the point of view of the baby animal in its first few hours of life.

Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is well into their 2009-2010 season. The team members will have a great opportunity this month to practice for the Spontaneous portion of the competition at Spontaneous Overload: FRIDAY January 22, 5:30pm at Sacandaga (second floor). Pizza will be served.

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