





Talented and Gifted Program at Stonewall Tell Elementary School

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Welcome returning and new parents to Stonewall Tell Elementary School's~TAG Class for the 2012~2013 school year! My name is Mrs. Burton! We are  H.E.A.T.ing

 things up in TAG with **H**igher Order Thinking to create rigorous cognitive challenges, **E**ngaging students to create curiosity and self-responsible learners, **A**uthentic Tasks to create context and usefulness, and **T**echnology to culminate rigorous cognitive tasks!!!

This year, I am excited to have Dr. Bryant~Booker and Ms. Lori Jackson as itinerant TAG educators. We are excited to have your child in our class this year. We are all dedicated to making this year affable, busy, productive, rigorous, and enriching. A good learning experience is built on a cooperative effort between teacher, parent, and child. Let's have a wonderful, exciting year together!!!

The following information should answer many of the questions you may have.

TAG Curriculum: We will have three units of study throughout the year. Most of the TAG units are as follows...due to three TAG teachers this school year, some units are to be determined (TBD) **(*Please note, Units 2 & 3 are subject to change for each grade level*):**

Grades 1 & 2: TBD; TBD; TBD

Grade 3: Endangered Animals; American Footprints; & KidNation

Grade 4: TBD; Camp Interdependence; & Mind Your Business

Grade 5: Epidemic; Changes in GA's Coast; & PSP(Renzulli)

The TAG learning objectives will include:

***Higher Order and Critical Thinking**

***Creative Thinking and Problem Solving**

***Advanced Research and Communication Skills**

***Advanced technology skills will also be a part of each unit of study.**

During each unit of study, I encourage **all parents** to **allow their child to explore the Internet to find articles, activities, etc. that relate to our study, go to museums, take their children to the local library or Barnes & Noble to find books related to our study ...In addition to reading the books at home, students will be encouraged to share what he or she has learned in class.** We will create assignments that are rigorous and also utilize

Renzulli Learning. It is a great enrichment learning tool! Parents, you can utilize Renzulli Learning for more enrichment activities! RenzulliLearning.com is an awesome search engine for educational based learning!!! You don't have to wait on us to create an assignment using www.renzullilearning.com please use Renzulli at any time!

***We will have our TAG Parent Meeting in September...a date has not been established as of yet. We will notify you via email once a date has been determined.**

Weekly Reader:

We are renewing our subscription to Weekly Reader! ☺ Please, please, please send in \$5.50 by Friday, September 7, 2012!!!

Tentative TAG Days of Service:

Monday: 1st Grade

Tuesday: 2nd Grade

Wednesday: 3rd Grade

Thursday: 4th Grade

Friday: 5th Grade

TAG Report Cards & Graded Papers: will be sent home at the **end of each unit**. If at any time you would like a conference, please send an email to your child's TAG educator: burtonl2@fultonschools.org; Bryantbooker@fultonschools.org ; or jacksonl3@fultonschools.org ... Email is the more expedient way to get in contact with us.

Needed Supplies: Please visit: www.burtontag.weebly.com

All students should bring a composition book (**only if they are new to the TAG program**), a pack of pencils, and a pen (fifth grade students only), crayons, markers, and colored pencils to TAG. **Students will also need (3) folders (with pockets)**. With some units we may need additional items. We will inform you of those needs as we begin each new study. **Students will report to class with a TAG binder (or a spiral notebook with folders) for handouts and homework weekly.**

I also recommend students to have a flash drive to save documents on!!!

TAG Donations: Please visit: www.burtontag.weebly.com

* (1) Weekly Readers: \$5.50 **please send your child's money by September 7, 2012.**

* Lysol Wipes & Spray

*Hand Soap

*Glade Plug-In Refills

*Please see the "Wish List"

Educational Field Trips: We will discuss field trips on our TAG Parent Night. Please come with ideas and an open mind.

Museums to visit...please check the websites listed:

<http://www.nscdiscovery.org/eo/outreachprograms/discoveryacademy.aspx>

<http://www.museumstuff.com/museums/georgia-science.php>

Fulton County Supporters of the Gifted (FCSG): This is the organization for TAG Parents. It is a local organization which consists of parents, teachers, school administrators, county coordinators for the gifted program, and legislators who all believe in the need for differentiated instruction for our students. FCSG holds several meetings throughout the school year with speakers who share information about changes in the TAG program, and on topics of interest concerning parenting the gifted child. They also offer scholarships for educational summer camps to children. Please check the website at www.fultongifted.org. This site gives more information about the organization. If you need a membership form, please send call me, send an email, or send in a note. I will place the membership in your child's TAG binder if you did not receive one during Open House.

Enrichment Opportunities: TAG students have participated and enjoyed the following enrichment programs and Please consider the following enrichment programs for your child which builds social skills, and includes hands-on learning in a fun atmosphere. Please call the following numbers for registration information:
GA State Saturday School: (404) 651-2581
GA Tech Saturday School: (404) 894-0777
SEMAA Program @ Fernbank: (678) 874-7102

*****If your child attends one of the Saturday schools please let us know!*****

We also encourage you to peruse the following website:

<http://portal.fultonschools.org/departments/Instruction/Curriculum/TAG/Pages/Profile.aspx>

Thank you for your support during this 2012-2013 school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Burton ☺

Dr. Bryant~Booker

Ms. Jackson

