



# **2021-2022**

# **District Instructional Focus**

# ALEDO ISD FOCUS DOCUMENT

2021-2022

## WHAT WE TEACH

Standards Driven  
Curriculum

Teaching to the Depth  
of the Standards

## HOW WE TEACH

Focus on 8 Cognitive Skills  
*Thinking Maps*

Fundamental  
Five

Rigor & Relevance

Workshop Model

## AUTHENTIC LITERACY

Cross-Disciplinary Literacy  
(listening, speaking, reading, writing, thinking)

Write From the Beginning &  
Beyond

Problem of Practice:  
*Students are not demonstrating  
yearly progress at expected levels  
and are not demonstrating  
proficiency in critical writing  
across all content areas.*



# Implementation Measures of District Instructional Focus

## PLC Goals

Reported Quarterly

### **Focus on Learning**

Goal 88% of CTs by June

### **Collaborative Culture**

Goal 93% of CTs by June

### **Focus on Results**

Goal 85% of CTs by June

## District Instructional Priorities

Reported Monthly

### **Lesson Frame**

Goal 100% of classrooms by June

### **Daily Critical Writing**

Goal 100% of classrooms by June

### **High-Yield Formative Assessment**

Goal 100% of classrooms by June

### **Student-Driven Learning**

\*Monthly report will consist of exemplars,  
rather than a percentage

## Progress Monitoring

Reported BOY, MOY & EOY

### **CIRCLE Progress Monitoring**

PK Reading / Math Screener

### **mCLASS Texas & DRA**

K-2 Reading Screener

### **IXL Math**

K-2 Math Screener

### **MAP Growth**

3-10 Reading Screener

3-10 Math Screener



# Aledo ISD

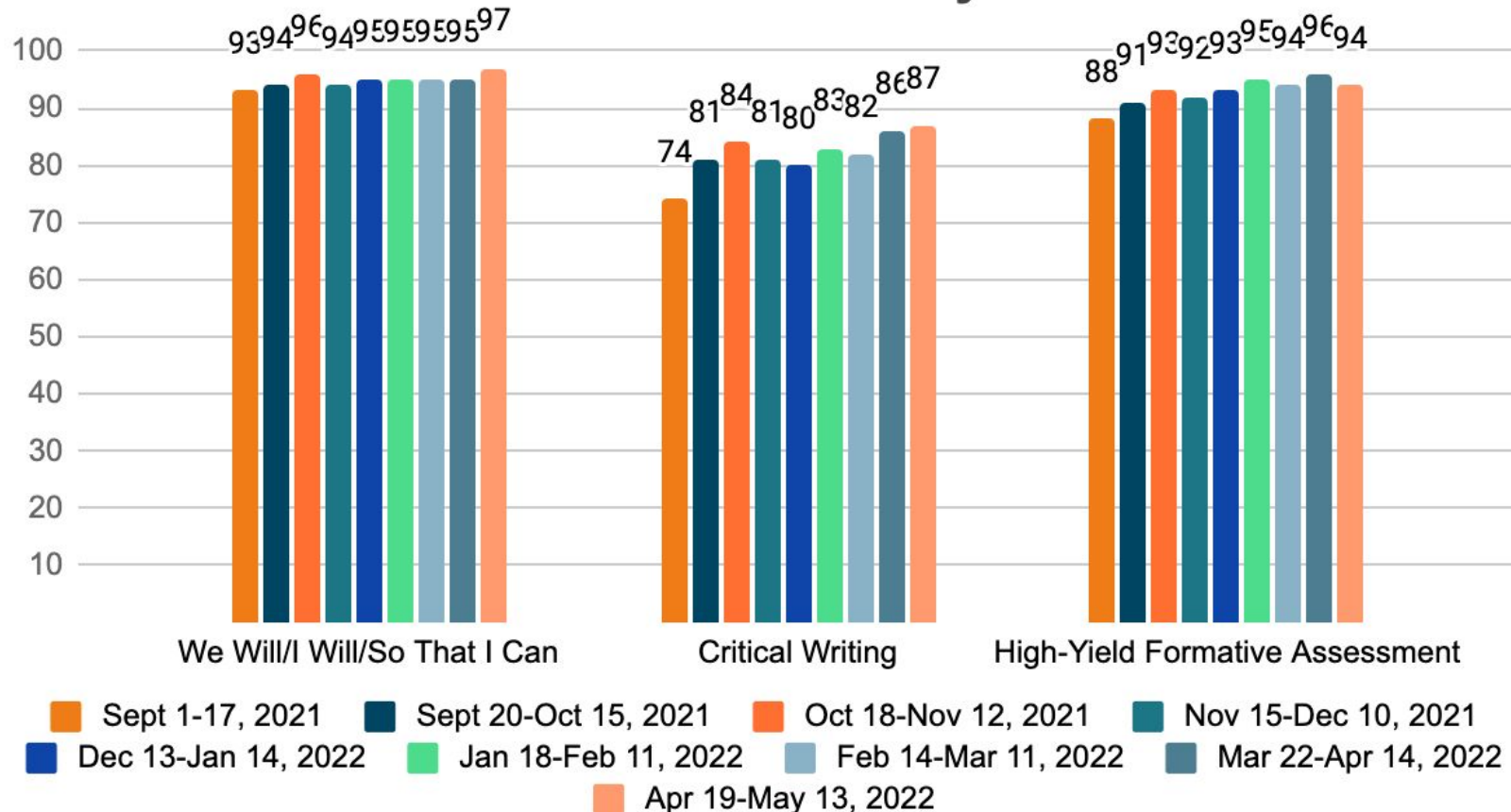
## Instructional Focus Implementation

Reporting Period 9  
April 19-May 13, 2022

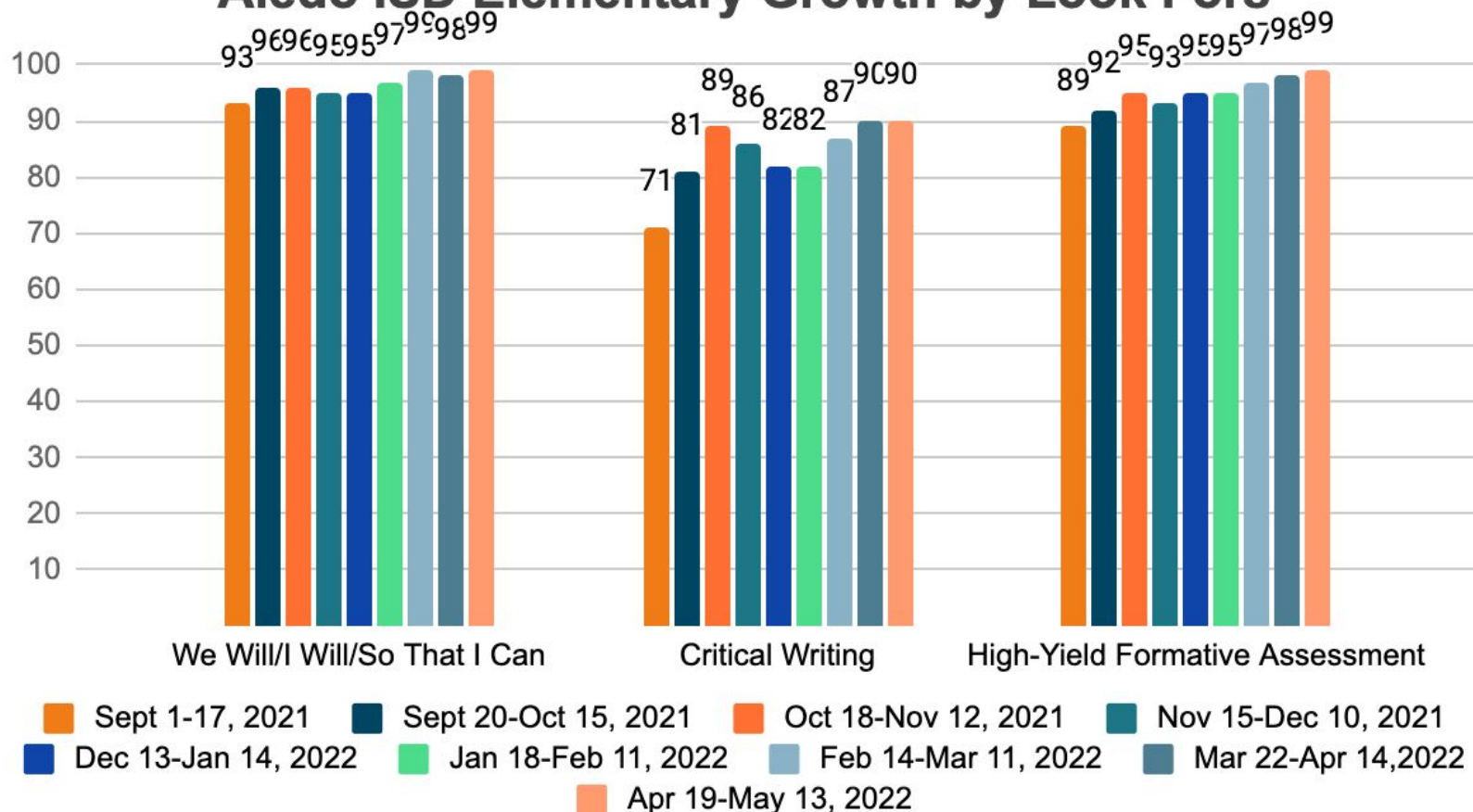




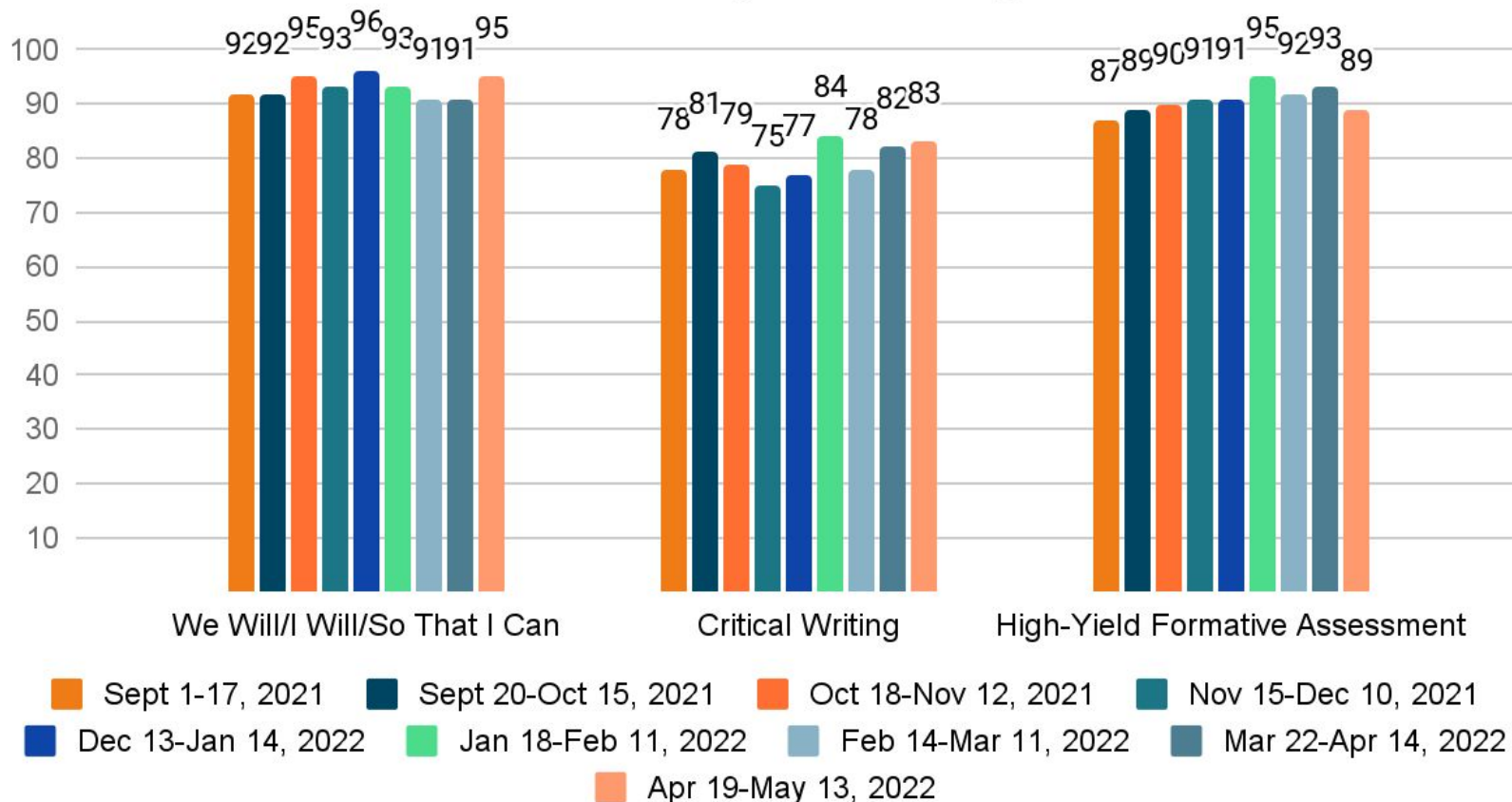
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# Aledo ISD Elementary Growth by Look Fors



## Aledo ISD Secondary Growth by Look Fors



# Student-Driven Learning

## Vandagriff Elementary:

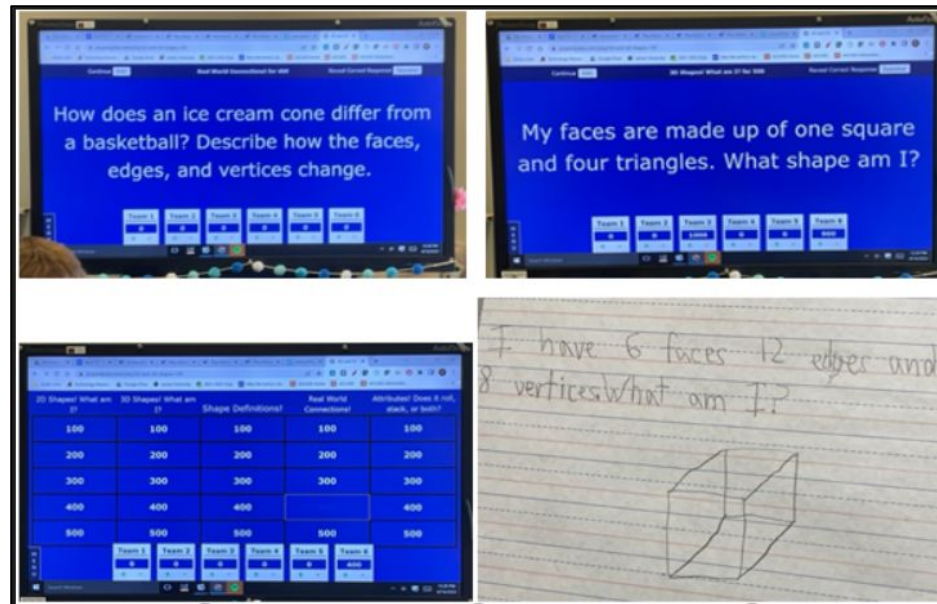
5th Math, Ms. Boyer



Students were given a card that gave them the perimeter or area of the robots arms, leg, head, and body. Students had to use this information to decide the dimensions of their robot's body parts and create it. Students then had the opportunity to decorate.

## Coder Elementary:

2nd Math, Ms. McCarthy

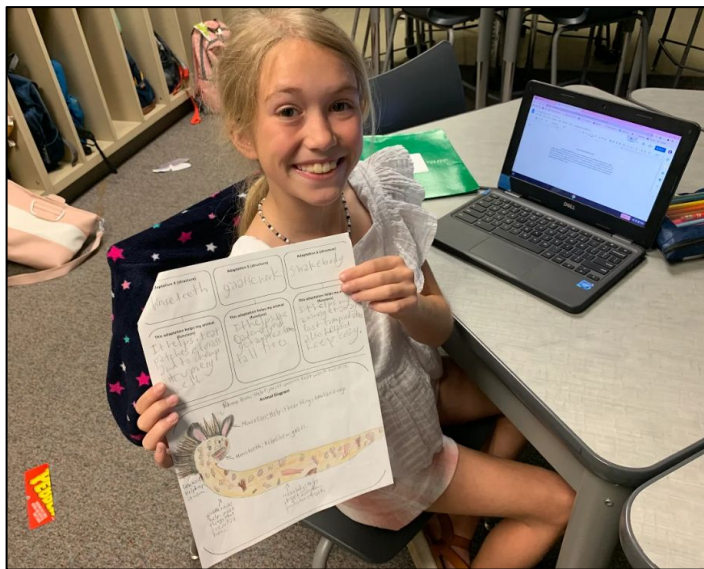


Students played a Jeopardy game using questions and categories they developed to reinforce math concepts they learned.



# Student-Driven Learning

McCall Elementary:  
4th Science, Ms. Sosa



Students applied their knowledge of adaptations to create their own creatures with specific adaptations. They transferred this knowledge into a critical writing piece detailing why they chose each adaptation and how it would help their creature to survive.

Stuard Elementary:  
4th Math, Ms. Caldwell



The Scarecrow came to visit and told his story about earning his diploma. He learned that he HAS a brain that he just needs to use. Students were working collaboratively to solve problems using all operations(4.4A-4.5A) that occurred in Oz to earn items for a scarecrow relay race.

# Student-Driven Learning

## Annetta Elementary:

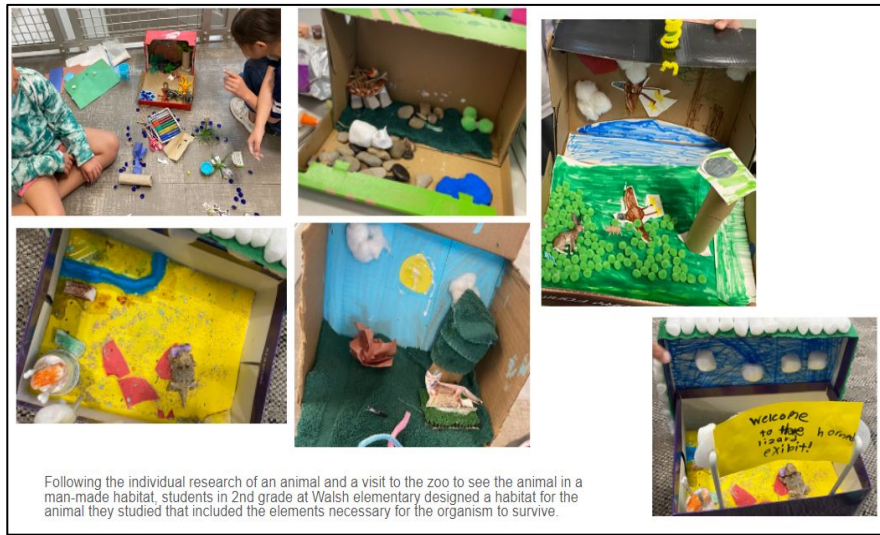
1st Math & Social Studies , Ms. Dumas



1st grade students learned about different 3D shapes and all of the attributes. Students were tasked with creating their own cities/towns and constructed different buildings for their towns out of all the 3D shapes they learned about.

## Walsh Elementary:

2nd Science, Ms. Burns



Following the individual research of an animal and a visit to the zoo to see the animal in a man-made habitat, students in 2nd grade at Walsh elementary designed a habitat for the animal they studied that included the elements necessary for the organism to survive.

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Daniel Ninth Grade:  
Health Science, Ms. Petersen



Three students from Weatherford college in their last semester of respiratory therapy school visited students.

Students learned about what a respiratory therapist does, what training is required, and what type of salary could be earned. Students were able to practice intubating and ventilating a mannequin.



# AISD Featured Collaborative Team



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## SIXTH GRADE TEAM

### McANALLY ELEMENTARY



Kate Thomas



Luke Campbell



Joni Myers



Paige Parks



Rylee Grace



**Aledo ISD Gifted and Talented  
Board Meeting  
May 17th, 2022**

## Serve additional students

# Provide 21st century learning opportunities

This year we identified three times as many Kindergarten students as last year and added 203 new students in kindergarten through sixth grade.



**Overall, this represents an increase of 103% over last year in the total number of K-6 students served, bringing us to 8% of our total population as GT.**

# Learning Skills



critical thinking



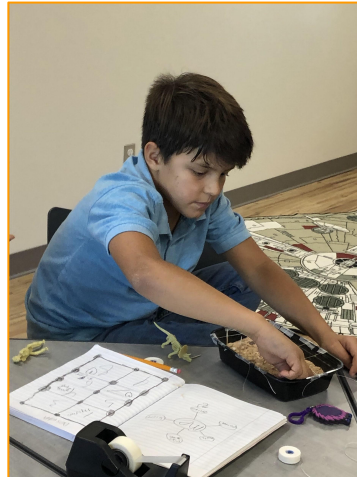
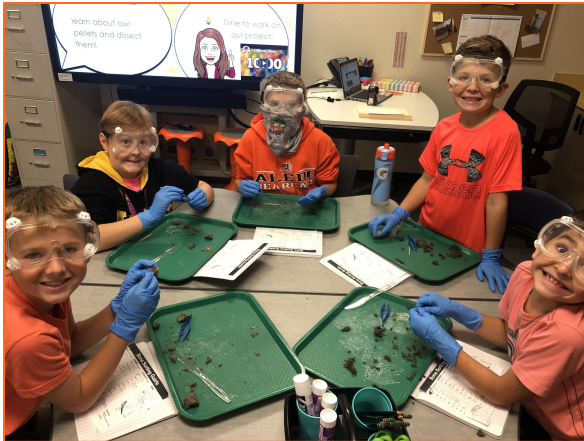
creativity



collaboration



communication





# GIFTED AND TALENTED



Alejo ISD has adopted a thematic curriculum this year.

This year's theme: Careers!

Fall 2021

## Archaeologists

**Digging into non-fiction texts:** Understanding the tools and skills of archaeologists and posing deep questions!

**STEM Action:** Conducting dissections in the classroom and discovering bones in owl pellets!

**Art Connections:** Developing clay artifacts to represent student interests and excavating to make inferences about friends!

**Programming and Coding:** Writing code using Makey-Makey circuit boards to program findings from an excavation site!

**Research and Reporting:** Collaborating with school librarians to research archaeologists and present our findings creatively!

Spring 2022

## Architects

**Building up our knowledge:** Understanding the competencies and requirements of architects while developing high-level research questions.

**STEM Action:** Utilizing materials to engineer buildings to meet specific regulations while responding to variable challenges.

**Art Connections:** Bringing a blueprint to life using classroom provisions and tools.

**Programming and Coding:** Generating code with Makey-Makeys to describe and classify the attributes of 3-D structures.

**Research and Reporting:** Investigating a famous architect and devise an innovative project to present your findings.

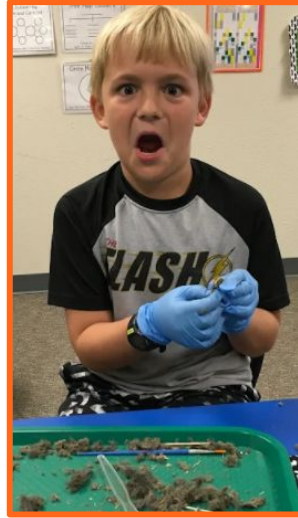
GT Expo: Summative Projects to showcase our learning! More information coming Spring 2022.

We will be working on giving and receiving constructive and appropriate academic feedback from peers and adults.

# New GT Curriculum

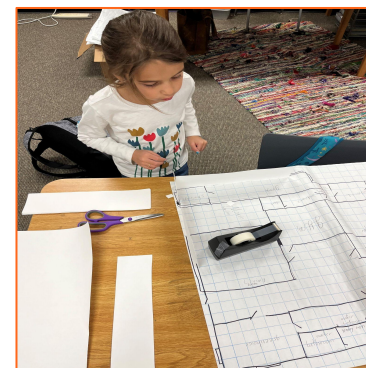
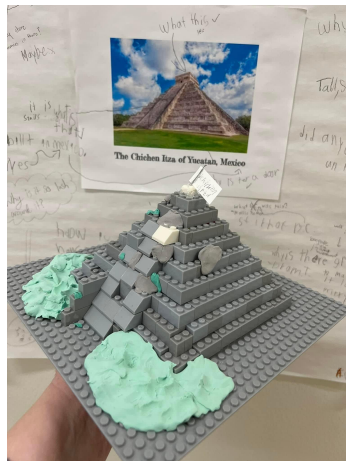
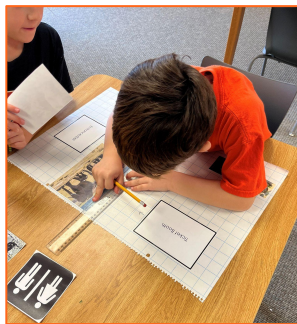
- Thematic Units
  - Careers
    - Archaeologists
    - Architects
- Activities for all thinkers:
  - Literature Connections
  - STEM
  - Art/ Creative Building
  - Programming
  - Researching
  - Student Wellness

# GT Pull-Out Services: Archaeology



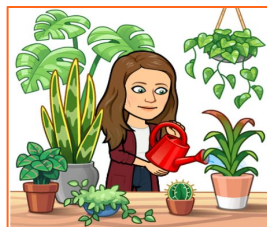


# GT Pull-Out Services: Architecture



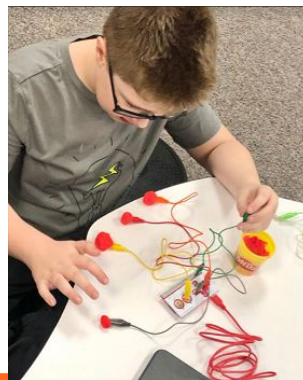


# Push-in Support



## FEEDBACK

Feedback can help you grow!



# Supporting Classroom Teachers-Choice Boards

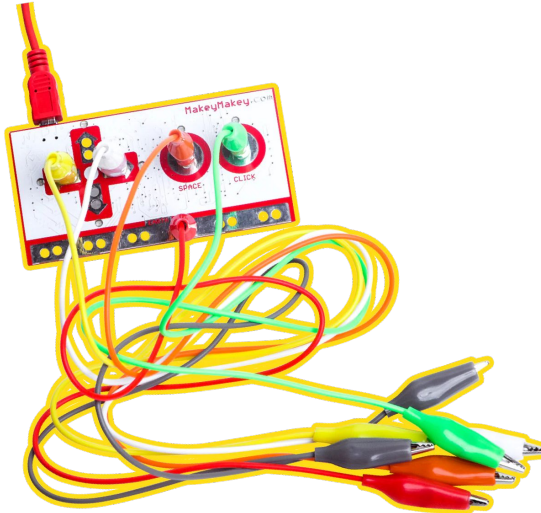
## 4th Grade Math Choice Board-Multiplication



<b>Write About It:</b> Explain why it is so important to line up your numbers using correct place value when you multiply!	<b>Compare:</b> Make a double bubble map comparing the difference between multiplication and division.	<b>Find The Error</b> Find the Error, Explain, and Fix it!  $54 \times 33 = 1,682$
<b>Teach the Class:</b> Make a video or slideshow about how to multiply a 4 digit by a 1 digit number.	<b>STUDENT CHOICE!</b> Choose a creative way to demonstrate your understanding of multiplying large numbers.	<b>Make A List:</b> Make a list of at least 10 instances that we use multiplication in the real world.
<b>Design a Poster:</b> Create a poster about multiplication and how you can use partial products to multiply.	<b>Draw a Picture:</b> Draw a model with base-ten blocks to show how to multiply: $350 \times 8$	<b>Word Problem:</b> Write a word problem for a classmate to solve that involves multiplying a 2 digit by 2 digit number.

# AEF Makey-Makey Grant

On January 5th, the GT Department won a grant called "Coding and Circuits in Every Elementary Class." This grant allows us to purchase Makey-Makeys kits to enrich and teach students even more about programing and coding. We are so excited to use these amazing resources with our GT students!





# Student Guest Speakers!

Stuard Elementary: Luke and Wyatt McGuire

Annetta Elementary: Savannah, William, and Wyatt  
Shackelford



# GT Curriculum: Looking Ahead



EXPLORING THE HEIGHTS AND THE DEPTHS  
FALL GT BEGINS WEEK OF SEPT 5th

**Adding an additional 4 weeks of GT pull-out services**



**Thank you so much for your  
continued support of Aledo ISD  
Gifted and Talented!**