

ACCELERATION and ENRICHMENT

Consider the
Possibilities !

QUESTION:

- What if the school where your child attends would make the most of his academic gifts?
- What if your child went to class each day and was truly challenged to be the best student she could be regardless of her abilities?

QUESTIONS

- What is best for EACH CHILD in our school?
- How can Ascension best meet the needs of each child ?

AES PROGRAMS

- What do we offer now?
- What path do we want to take for the future?

CURRENT

- Excellent academic program
- Accommodations for struggling students
- Numerous enrichments

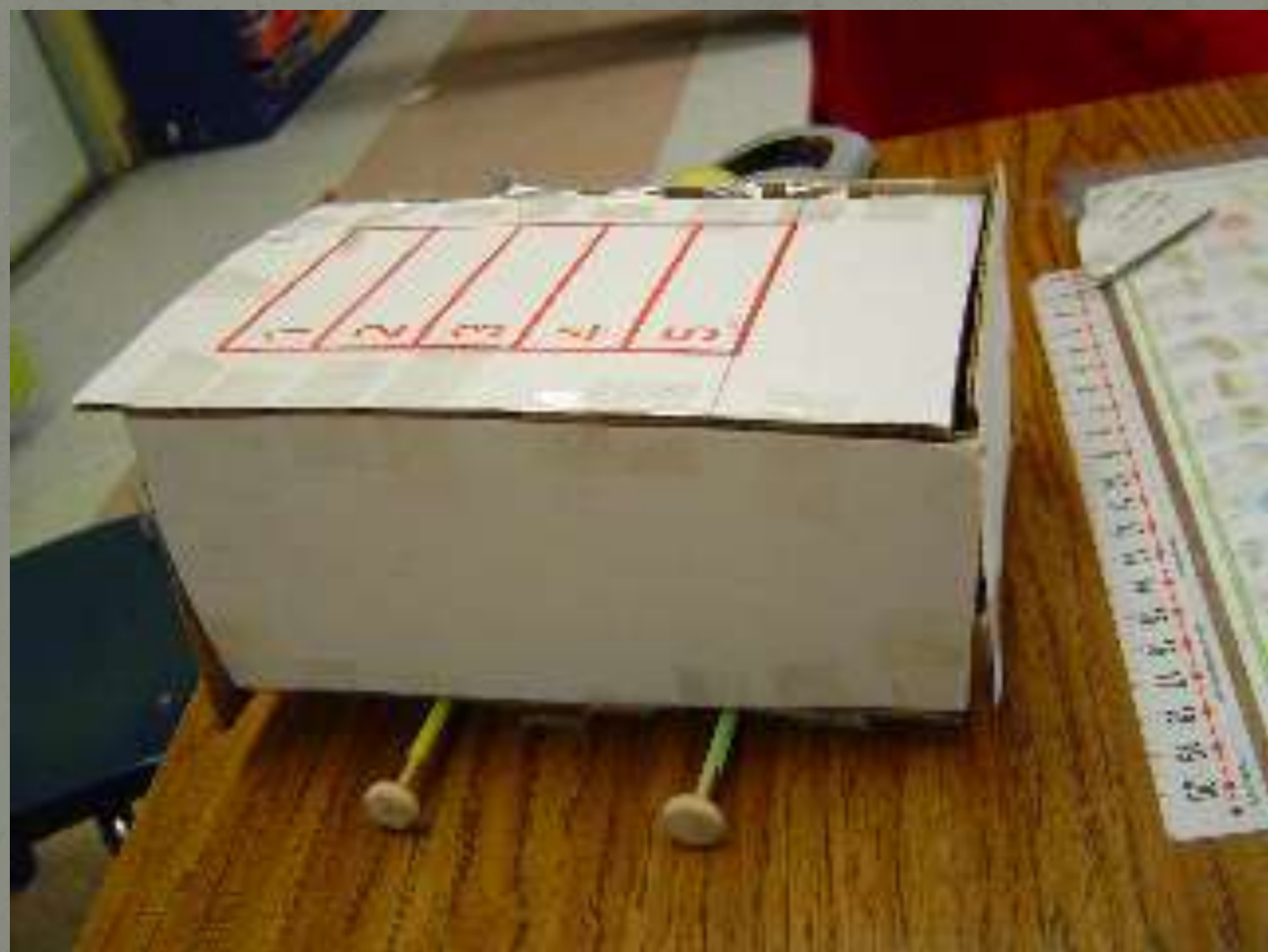
NEW in 2011-2012

- AIM (Activating Inquisitive Minds)
- ALL students in grades 1-4 are offered a series of enrichment opportunities. This program includes a wide variety of offerings including hands-on science projects, building and construction projects, building a healthy body, creative writing activities and so much more!
- All Lower School students, regardless of their academic abilities, are participating in the AIM enrichment program.

AIM OFFERINGS

- Gravity Cars / Physics and engineering
- Tie-Dye Leaves
- Globbs of fun
- Bridge Building
- Tessellations
- Calculator Fun, Brain Teasers, Math Games
- The Dirt on Worms
- Imaginative Exploits
- Marshmallow Challenge / Pop Rock Science















- What is offered to our students with regard to

ACADEMIC
ACCELERATION ?

RATIONALE

- Educational acceleration is one of the cornerstones of exemplary school practice and is supported by research in the area of highly able students.

UPPER SCHOOL

- US offers three levels of classes: regular, honors, and advanced placement
- US students who take AP classes can earn college credit before graduating
- US has recently begun the IBE (Institute for Business Education)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Advanced classes in Math and Language Arts
- MS students can get high school credit in a foreign language, in math, and in computer literacy
- Gifted Enrichment program with LPSB

LOWER SCHOOL

- We allow them to LEAVE our campus
- $\frac{1}{2}$ day a week for grades 1-3
- One full day from grades 4-8
- We currently do not offer accommodations to either gifted or highly able students.

WHAT IS NEEDED?

- Some students are far advanced and need acceleration even at a young level. While some students are struggling with short and long e, other students in the same class can read at a grade level above with ease.
- Some students show a talent in mathematics, and can far exceed the grade level expectations.
- Highly able students do not need intense repetition that would bore them.
- Teachers note a large range of abilities

PROPOSAL

- ACCELERATION IN READING AND MATH
- This would allow students to remain in a heterogeneously grouped homeroom class and the children could flow from one class to another in reading and math or both should their scores warrant acceleration in both areas.

CRITERIA

- Students will be admitted to an accelerated class if they meet the following criteria
 - 85% or above on Total Reading or Total Math on a standardized achievement test
 - A student might be eligible for Reading, Math, or both
 - Parents must agree for child to be included
 - Fluid and flexible
 - Yearly assessment

COST

- There are NO substantial additional costs associated with these two offerings
- (Enrichment AIM)
- (Academic ACT)

Both of these would be taught by an exceptional teaching staff

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