GT Curriculum 2018-19 Second Grade

## Seeking a Grand Adventure!

## Welcome to GT! The adventure begins!

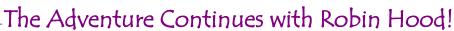
We will spend our first four lessons helping students understand the challenges of GT, including risk taking, working on difficult tasks, and problem solving in the manner of dragons. Students will collaborate to solve the puzzle of the dragon's lair.

## THE ACADEMY OF CRITICAL THINKING

Students will focus on convergent, divergent, visual, and evaluative thinking skills which will be reinforced in activities and lessons throughout the year.









Students will read *Stories of Robin Hood Told to Children*. They will learn about the history and culture of the times and identify important characteristics of our hero. Students will analyze Robin Hood's actions as beneficial or harmful and create a podcast to explain if they think Robin Hood was a real person.

## Ornithology, an Adventure in Nature

Second graders will study the many facets of birds. The students will investigate bird characteristics and anatomy. Adaptations of beaks and feet will help students differentiate between species. Feather structure will be examined by using microscopes, and students will be required to identify 50 species of local birds. Creativity and application will come into play as students "discover" a new bird species.

"One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure."

-William Feather