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ACADEMIC & CREATIVE EXCELLENCE

Lyons Upper Elementary

GIFTED REFERRAL INFORMATION

If you are considering recommending your child for gifted testing, you first must ask yourself if your child is a bright child or a gifted learner. Look at the following information to help you answer this question.

Bright Learner	Gifted Learner
Knows the answers	Asks the questions
Is interested	Is highly curious
Is attentive	Is mentally and physically involved
Has good ideas	Has wild, silly ideas
Works hard	Plays around, yet tests well
Answer questions	Discusses in detail, elaborates
Top group	Beyond the top group
Listens with ease	Already knows, so may not listen closely
6 to 8 repetitions for mastery	1 to 2 repetitions for mastery
Understands ideas	Constructs abstractions
Enjoys peers	Prefers adults
Grasps the meaning	Draws inferences
Completes assignments	Initiates projects
Is receptive	Is intense
Copies accurately	Creates a new design
Enjoys school	Enjoys learning
Absorbs information	Manipulates information
Technician	Inventor
Good memorizer	Good guesser
Enjoys straightforward, sequential presentation	Thrives on complexity
Is alert	Is keenly observant

FYI:

Teachers and parents may refer a child to be tested.

Gifted testing is done once a year - at the end of the year.

If you feel your child has several traits of a gifted student that's great. To do well on the gifted testing, you may also want to consider the following:

- 1. Is my child mature enough to handle the stress of 5-7 days of testing and do well?**
- 2. Does my child have a strong work ethic that will help him/her through this process?**
- 3. Is my child self-motivated-does he/ she want to do well on this?**

If the answer to any of the three are no, then your child may not be ready for this process. It may be better to wait until they are ready before going forward.

NOTE: Please remember that a recommendation/referral is not an automatic guarantee that a child will be tested. School data (grades, reading level, motivation, etc) will be analyzed by a committee to determine if a child needs to be tested.