

There has been a lot of **CHANGE** since we saw you last, and we are excited about what has to come this year!

Because of the changes in our world, (specifically COVID 19), there are changes in our communities, which cause changes in our schools, which cause changes for each of us. We call this IMPACT. Think of it like the ripple effect of a rock being thrown into a pond.

As a result of these changes, our EXTEND program is changing to meet the needs of our community. Students will not meet at the EXTEND Center for class once a week; instead, each of the gifted resource teachers will be assigned to schools and will work with students at each grade level at each school.

CHANGE can be scary and uncomfortable, but often times it leads to growth.

This year, instead of teaching interdisciplinary units like what was taught at EXTEND, teachers will be using a concept based curriculum that complements and extends what is being taught in the math and language arts in the homeroom classroom.

Concepts are big, organizing ideas that help people make sense of all of the information in the world. While teaching math and language arts, gifted resource teachers will guide students to make connections through exploration of these concepts.

We will be starting with the concept of **CHANGE** this year. Along with the concept development, we will use depth and complexity thinking prompts to help the students make generalizations and connections between the concept and the content.

To find out more specifically what your child will be doing during his/her EXTEND time, please refer to the grade level modules within Canvas and newsletters that will be posted in the files section of this website.