

## Teaching Strategies

- Individualized to have students work at their own pace
- Differentiated to enrich students' education
- Hands-on Learning
- In Class Project-based Learning
- Small/Large Group Instruction
- Compact and Embellish Curriculum
- Cooperative Learning

## Other Aspects

- Art, Music, Computer, PE, and Library are all done as a class together.
- Field Trips are rotated with 3rd and 4th grade classes.
- Lunch/Recess are done differently at each school but time is spent with each grade.



## Higher Ability Program at ACSC

### Elementary Schools

Higher ability is usually defined to include the top 8% to 15% of the student population. This is a higher percentage than a gifted and talented program which is between 3% and 5%.

The Multiage Program (MAP) is available in all of the Avon Elementary Schools and consists of a classroom of 3rd and 4th grade students. These students have been identified and evaluated as Higher Ability and focuses on academic ability.

Students will have the same teacher for their 3rd and 4th grade years.

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Maple Elementary  
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### HIGHER ABILITY MULTIAGE PROGRAM (MAP)



The Higher Ability Program works toward the maximum intellectual development of high ability students in an atmosphere that recognizes the uniqueness of the individual.

The higher ability educational environment assists students as they reach their social-psychological, intellectual, physical, and creative potential.



## AVON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IDENTIFICATION FOR HIGHER ABILITY PROGRAM

### IDENTIFICATION OF SECOND GRADE STUDENTS TO ENTER THE THIRD GRADE PROGRAM

The Multiage (MAP) classes, combining grades 3 and 4, will be self-contained and emphasize enrichment and acceleration in the major four content areas.

#### Criteria for Initial Pool

A School Ability Index (SAI) of 115 or higher on the OLSAT and at least one score at or above during the second grade fall NWEA testing in the areas of:

- NWEA Language Usage Score of 203
- NWEA Reading Score of 201
- NWEA Math Score of 198

The Naglieri non-verbal assessment will be administered as a follow-up for appropriate students. The Naglieri is specifically designed to ascertain the aptitude of disadvantaged and/or non-English speaking students.

#### Stage Beyond the Pool

Additional information on students who comprise the pool will include the following:

- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Parent Survey Form
- Writing Prompt

#### Final Selection

The above information will be reviewed by: a) a committee that may be composed of the MAP elementary teachers, b) select second grade teachers and c) select third grade teachers. The elementary principals will be invited to attend the final selection.

The students selected will enroll as third graders and continue in the MAP through Grade 4. The student, parent, or teacher may request a review of placement if withdrawal from the program is recommended or desired.

### IDENTIFICATION OF THIRD GRADE STUDENTS TO ENTER THE FOURTH GRADE PROGRAM

All students identified for Grade 3 will continue to Grade 4 unless a review would determine that a withdrawal would be in the best interest of a student. Any student who did not participate in the initial pool during the selection for Grade 3 can ask to be considered for the Fourth Grade Program. A parent may request consideration and a teacher may recommend that a student be re-considered.

The OLSAT will be given to students new to Avon in grade 3 that score at or above in at least one of the three areas during third grade fall NWEA testing as follows:

- NWEA Language Usage Score of 214
- NWEA Reading Score of 212
- NWEA Math Score of 210

#### **Note:**

**\*These local assessment instruments will allow move-in students to be assessed immediately, by parent or teacher recommendation, upon enrolling in Avon Schools.**

## Higher Ability Curriculum for Avon Elementary Schools

### Curriculum Highlights

#### Language Arts

- Novel Thematic Unit Study– based program that is done in whole group and literature circle rotations
- English program is an embellishment of the curriculum
- Spelling is differentiated and accelerated
- Basal supplement
- Writers Express Program

#### Social Studies and Science

- Blended 3rd and 4th grade curriculums

#### Math

- Essential skills (Houghton Mifflin Math Series) Core content areas
- Problem Solving
- Differentiated Instruction within Accelerated Math

**\*Note: All of the third and fourth grade curriculum will have been taught by the time a student has completed MAP.**