



Enrichment Program

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St. Monica School has a unique enrichment program. It is designed to complement and extend learning that is already taking place in the regular classrooms and is based on the importance of challenging all students to continuously reach for higher levels of cognitive thought and build 21st century skills for a lifetime of learning. Using three different types of enrichment across many grade levels, our goal is to reach as many students as possible to help them maximize their potential abilities.

Type I: Class Visits - Primary Education Thinking Skills

All first, second and third grade students benefit from the Primary Education Thinking Skills curriculum. The Enrichment Coordinator visits classrooms on a weekly basis to teach whole-class activities that emphasize higher-order thinking skills – namely critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem solving.

Type II: “Extra Challenge” Interest Groups and Differentiation Support

High achieving students that demonstrate mastery and interest in a specific area of study benefit from additional opportunities for extension upon teacher request. Special activities and enrichment units are designed and facilitated by the Enrichment Coordinator to extend learning as necessary.

Type III: Special Classes – Problem Solving, Technology, Enrichment, Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity (**PTEC**)

Intermediate school students benefit from a special weekly enrichment class, taught by the Enrichment Coordinator in the June Cooper Learning Center. Here, 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to build 21st century skills by working in an environment that encourages them to participate in problem solving activities, while feeling free to be creative, innovative and collaborative with their classmates.