



## Enrichment Program

2018-2019

**Enrichment coordinator:** Amy Melle

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: Thinking Skills Enrichment (grades 1-2)**

**Who:** All students 1-2

**Details:** All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students benefit from The Primary Education Thinking Skills curriculum. The Enrichment Coordinator visits classrooms on a regular basis to teach whole class activities that emphasize higher order thinking skills – namely critical thinking, creative thinking and problem solving.

### **Type II: “Collaboratory” Enrichment classes (grades 3-5)**

**Who:** All students 3-5

**Details:** All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to visit the “Collaboratory” multiple times throughout the year to complete projects. The Enrichment Coordinator will work closely with the classroom teachers to find ways to integrate STEM into the regular curriculum objectives using ipads, computer software, STEM kits, a 3D printer, and more. In the Collaboratory, students have the opportunity to build 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Type III: Small Group Enrichment classes (grades 1-4)**

**Who:** Identified group of students in grades 1-4

**Details:** Students who demonstrate a need for advanced academic and creative challenges across interdisciplinary areas are also served in weekly Small Group Enrichment classes. The classes are taught by the Enrichment Coordinator in the JCLC and focus on general



interdisciplinary challenges. This program is in addition to the above mentioned and is only for identified students.