

# Enrichment Guidelines

Enrichment activities are designed to engage students in active learning, build skills, develop character strengths, learn how to engage with one another and develop a love of learning.

## **Schedule**

The enrichments are 45 minutes long, from 4:15-5:00pm. We prefer a schedule of once per week for at least 6 weeks, but can be flexible depending on content and availability.

## **Materials**

We ask enrichment volunteers to provide the materials, however we have some materials you can use. The program staff can work with you to determine what materials are available.

## **Age**

We try our best to provide you with grades you would like to work with, however due to schedules and attendance we can't always accommodate. When creating the weekly schedule, a staff person will let you know which grade you will be working with.

The development of the students varies by grade, so it is important to plan an activity that is suitable for the ages you'll be working with. For example, a science project with 3rd graders should be designed differently from a science project for first graders. If you are not sure if your material is grade appropriate, feel free to talk to the program staff.

## **Character Strengths**

We encourage enrichment volunteers to incorporate at least one character strength (see volunteer resources) into the lesson.

## **Goal**

When planning the enrichment, it is helpful to decide on a goal you would like the students to reach. For example, being able to memorize the multiplication chart, being able to draw a person's face using drawing techniques, proper use of measuring cups as they bake cookies, or learning how to grow a healthy tomato plant.

## **Enrichment Ideas**

If you need help coming up with ideas, the program staff can help you.