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PROGRAM NAME

Montville Enrichment Program

GRADES SERVED

3-8

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DESCRIPTION

Montville's Enrichment Program serves academically gifted students in grades 4-8. Identified students in grades 4 and 5 spend one full day a week in the enrichment classroom that is located in the Leonard J. Tyl Middle School. The program supplements the general curriculum by providing differentiated learning experiences with emphasis on both product and process. Units of study promote self-directed, self-motivated learning and develop the higher level thinking skills of application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation. Each year students become actively involved in self-directed independent research projects. They are given an opportunity to present their research findings to audiences that include their peers as well as adults.

Program participants in grades 6-8 spend approximately 1-1/2 hours per week in the enrichment classroom. They are trained in Future Problem Solving, an international effort to develop creative and futuristic thinking in a cooperative

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atmosphere that will help them learn about complex social and scientific issues and help them on a personal level of decision making. Each student also completes an independent research project related to the current National History Day theme.

Realms of a Rainbow is an extension of the Enrichment Program that services all students in grade 3 in their classrooms. An enrichment teacher visits each grade 3 classroom twice each month. Each forty-five minute session is devoted to stimulating and fostering the creative thinking abilities of fluency, flexibility, originality and elaboration. Simulation, creative movement and brainstorming are techniques that are used to evoke responses directly related to the language arts, social studies and math curriculum.

Program staff includes one full-time teacher and a part-time teacher assistant. Approximately eighty students in grades 4-8 participate in the program.