Puddle Splashes

Park Elementary School Gifted and Talented Program

What is Puddle?

Puddle is a once a week, hour long class for specific students. The classes meet most weeks during the year. Select third, fourth and fifth grade students participate in the Puddle class. Each grade level meets separately. The children represent approximately the top five percent of their class academically **and** demonstr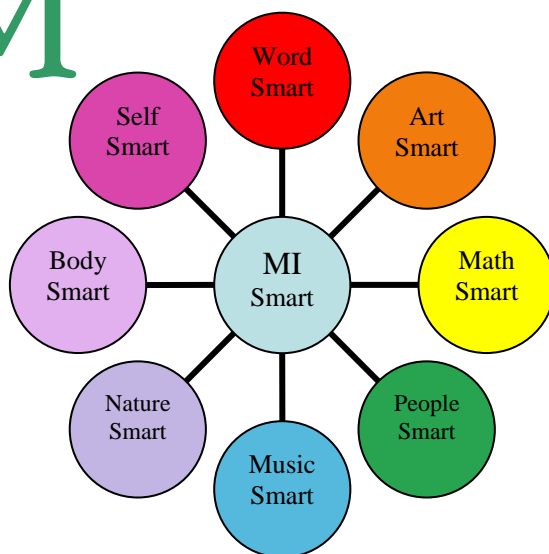ate achievement and aptitude in more than one area. Activities during Puddle are designed to challenge the students across a number of areas called multiple intelligences. (See the diagram below.) In addition to providing challenging and fun activities, the program is designed to give these children an opportunity to work and socialize with their academic peers.

What is Pull-out?

Pull-outs are classes in specific subjects or topics designed to enhance and extend learning for students who have demonstrated achievement and aptitude in that particular area. Typically students in pull-out classes are identified as being the top five to ten percent of their class in that subject. Students who participate in these classes are those who score at the top of the NWEA testing and whose scores on testing done within the gifted and talented department show strong aptitude for learning in that subject area. For some classes, teachers recommend students based on their in-class work and success. The Gifted and Talented Resource Teachers teach many of the classes; other staff members or volunteers sometimes teach classes.

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Multiple Intelligences

- Word Smart
- Art Smart
- Self Smart
- MI Smart
- Math Smart
- Body Smart
- Nature Smart
- Music Smart
- People Smart

- Park's Gifted and Talented program (G/T) is half time with two experienced teachers, Marilyn Carlson and Carol Beaver, serving as the resource teachers and coordinators.

- This year the program will operate on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

- The program operates approximately 30 weeks during the year.

- Testing for inclusion in the program occurs after Thanksgiving.

For more information call Carol Beaver or Marilyn Carlson at 587-2837, extension 1109.