



# WILLIAM SIDNEY MOUNT, P.S. 174Q

## G.A.T.E. ENRICHMENT NEWSLETTER

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### OUR GATE ENRICHMENT MANTRA

*"The future will require individuals who are able to formulate new problems, come up with new solutions, and adapt readily to the new ideas of others."*

—Csikszentmihalyi & Wolfe

To this goal, we aim to foster and encourage

- \*Originality
- \*Elaboration
- \*Curiosity
- \*Willingness to take Calculated Risks
- \*Preference for Challenging Complexity
- \*Flexible Thinking
- \*Keen Intuitions

### UPCOMING GATE ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

**Grades K, 1 and 2 Field Trip to the  
New York Historical Society  
(October 15 & 16)  
Culminating Madeline Tea Party**

—Thank you for parent involvement!—



### G.A.T.E. ENRICHMENT INTERACTIVE-FRAMEWORK for an engaging and differentiated Common Core:

Enrichment for G.A.T.E. classes involves hands-on projects in the S.T.E.A.M. spectrum, fostering critical thinking and allowing students to apply what they've learned. In our first unit on Art Appreciation, we'll be linking Art and Literacy, integrating and differentiating the Common Core State Standards for gifted and advanced learners.

G.A.T.E. classes will research, read and learn about the lives and works of art masters of the world (Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Claude Monet, Henri Matisse, Diego Rivera, N.C. Wyeth, W.S. Mount, Vincent van Gogh, Henri Rousseau) presented in engaging and informative depth, complexity and creativity. The skills of analyzing and comparing authentic informational texts will lay the groundwork for students to emulate and adapt different styles, in a variety of mediums, while using poetry to help convey personal feelings, emotions and ideas. By understanding the thinking and feeling processes of creative expression, we will focus on and encourage their development.

\*Did you know that the **Museum of Modern Art (MOMA)** debuts Henri Matisse: The Cut-Outs, the largest presentation of the artist's cutouts ever assembled (from October 12, 2014 through February 8, 2015)?

**\*WATCH FOR AND ENJOY OUR COMING SCHOOLWIDE DISPLAYS!**

## EXCITING G.A.T.E. PLANS

- ♦ **MULTICULTURAL Reading/Writing Initiative/Assemblies/Cookbook (Our diversity is our strength!)**
- ♦ **Career Days**
- ♦ **Talent Show**
- ♦ **Shakespeare in the Park**
- ♦ **Junior Great Books Shared Inquiry**
- ♦ **Citywide Competitions in many STEAM areas!**

Our G.A.T.E. Enrichment classes will Accelerate/Extend/Differentiate/Integrate instruction across content disciplines to enable students to:

- ♦ Develop abilities in individual talents and areas of interest, encouraging self-confidence, respect and tolerance.
- ♦ Use critical thinking in real-life problem-solving.
- ♦ Learn advanced knowledge and skills that can be transferred to creative, imaginative, productive careers in society.



## GEARING UP FOR FUTURE FUN

# EZRA JACK KEATS

## Bookmaking Competition



The high level of Gifted Enrichment at P.S. 174Q is, therefore, geared to enhance and extend the curriculum. Instruction supports and encourages shared, project-based inquiry, critical brainstorming sessions, and research applying depth of written reflection. We know our gifted learners of today will, no doubt, be tomorrow's leaders! Many thanks to you, our PARENTS and invaluable partners!

