

ABOUT MR. MATZNER



- 24 years challenging gifted and high achieving learners-19 years at Candlebrook Elementary School
- Earned Gifted Endorsement from state of Pennsylvania
- Named a Keystone Technology Innovator
- Attended Indiana University (Bloomington) GO HOOSIERS!!
- Masters Degree from Columbia University's Teachers College

****Personally I am blessed with a great wife, two terrific daughters and 3 adorable kitties****



**INDIANA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**



UPPER MERION DISTRICT WEBSITE GIFTED INFORMATION

***Access via <https://www.umasd.org/Page/461>**

The mission of the Upper Merion Area School District's gifted and talented program is to ensure that all gifted and talented students are identified and provided individualized and challenging educational programs based on each student's strengths and needs, develop their unique talents and abilities and to encourage them to join all students in making positive contributions to society. After determining eligibility and the need for specially designed instruction for each individual student, an appropriate educational program will be determined by a multidisciplinary team comprised of school personnel and parents. Flexibility in determining options will be encouraged.

[Gifted Education Brochure](#)

[Notice of Parental Rights for Gifted Students](#)

[Gifted Guidelines 2014](#)

[Gifted Services Spring Newsletter 2016](#)

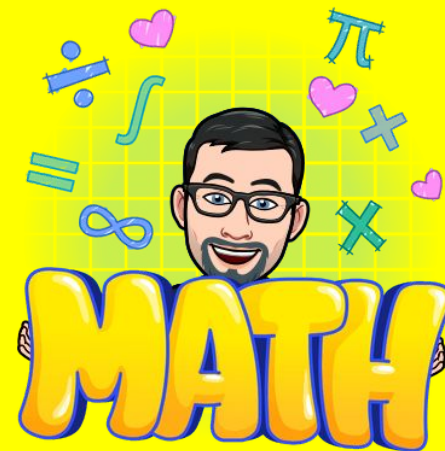
[Parent Guide to Special Education for Children Who Are Gifted](#)



SUNSHINE MATH ENRICHMENT

- Open to ALL students
- Weekly challenging story problems
- Opportunity to apply math skills
- Helps develop 21st Century Skills:
 - Creative problem solving
 - Critical thinking
 - Perseverance/Grit
- Asynchronous Video Reviews
- All accessible via folder in homeroom Schoology course

Supported by Mr. Matzner, The
Gifted/Enrichment Teacher



 Continental Mathematics League, Inc.

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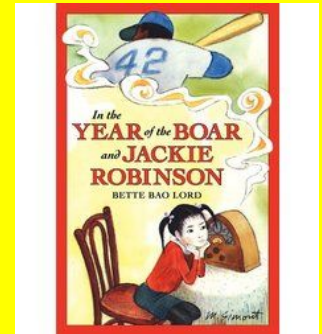
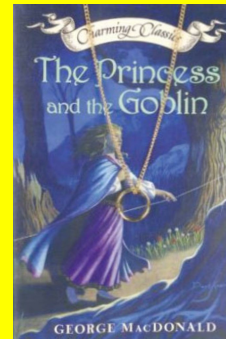
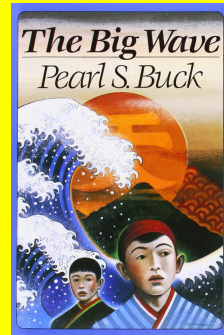
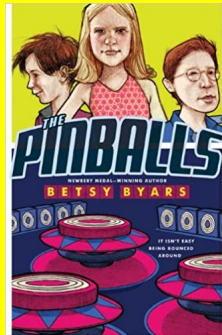
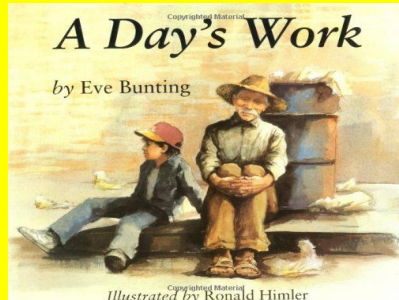
Candlebrook's Continental Math League Accomplishments

- 5-Time CML Regional Champions
- 8-Time CML Pennsylvania Champions
- 10 National Student Leaders



EXCEL ENRICHMENT LANGUAGE ARTS THAT FOCUSES ON:

- Metacognition (awareness of one's own ideas)
- Literature discussion groups stimulate higher level thinking skills
- Written responses to literature using paragraphs/essay form
- Great authors studied including Cynthia Rylant, Eve Bunting, Betsy Byars, Jim Murphy, Betty Bao Lord
- Activities/assignments that allow for student creativity, choice and interests



School-Wide STEM/MAKERSPACE Support

- Helped to establish Candlebrook's Makerspace/STEM room
- Support teachers helping to integrate Robotics and coding into their lessons
- Train student "Robot Ambassadors"



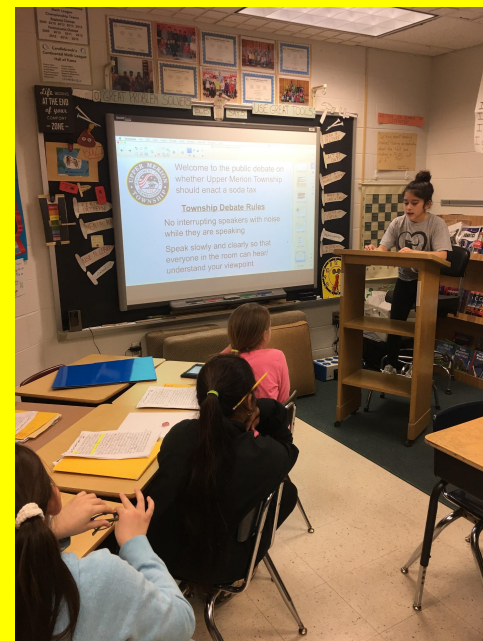
STUDENTS IN ACTION: EXCEL GROUPS



**Student-Run Book
Discussion**

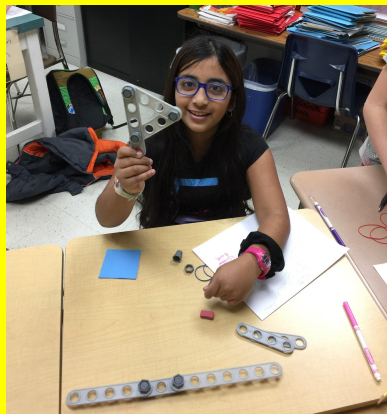


**Culminating Chinese
Food Feast**

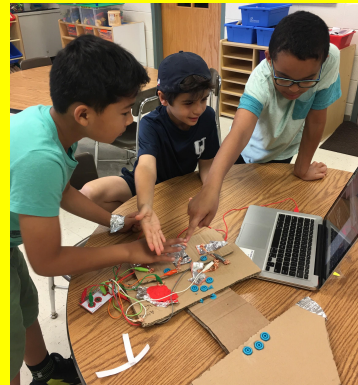
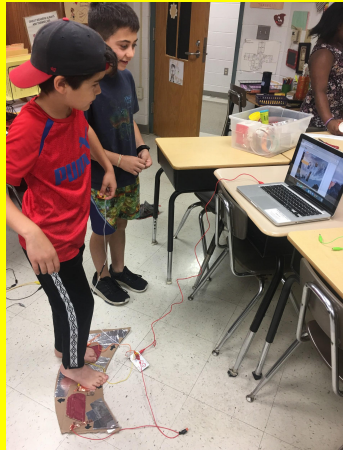
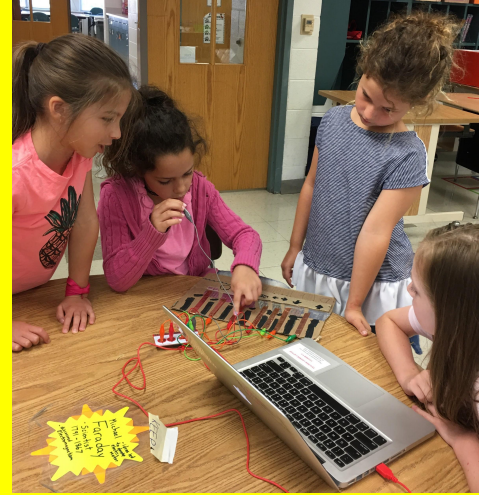


**Debating Real-World
Issues**

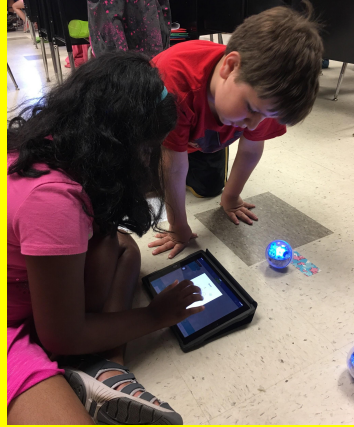
STUDENTS IN ACTION: ROBOTICS



STUDENTS IN ACTION: CODING



STUDENTS IN ACTION: ROBOT AMBASSADORS



STUDENTS IN ACTION: DIGGING INTO STEM

