



CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT

EAST GREENWICH

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your help and participation in having our second grade students complete the OLSAT test. Now that the OLSAT test has been administered, I wanted to give you some more information about our SOAR Gifted and Talented Program which begins in 3rd grade. The results of the OLSAT test, along with other varying measures of academic and social progress, are reviewed for each second grade student.

An invitation to participate in SOAR is based on a student meeting the following criteria:

- Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT) (Student score of 130 or above)
- Linkit!- Benchmark Form C (end of 2nd grade) - “meeting” or “exceeding” on Math **and** ELA
- Teacher Recommendation and Survey
- Trimester 3 Grade - **95 or above** in each of the following areas: *ELA, Math, Science*

****If your student meets the criteria, an invitation to enroll in SOAR will be sent to you in the summer****

Below is a brief description of the SOAR Program:

Our SOAR pull-out program for gifted and talented development has an academic focus emphasizing higher level thinking and STEM, extending and adding further dimensionality to our curriculum. Students admitted into the SOAR Program in grades 3 through 6 receive added instruction during pull-out sessions built into their schedule. This provides students with the opportunity for enhanced peer interaction and time to focus on in-depth study or a new area of learning. This opportunity is also accompanied by added responsibility.

Please note that if a student does not meet the requirements for SOAR in 2nd grade, you have the option to request for them to be reconsidered *ONCE* during your child’s years at Samuel Mickle, ***if they initially met all but ONE 2nd grade criteria listed above.*** This must be requested in writing and submitted to the Supervisor of Instruction for SOAR by October 31st of the requesting year in order to be considered for January entrance.

Thank you for your dedication to your child’s education, and know that varying opportunities for enrichment are plentiful throughout our grade levels from all of our amazing staff members.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. For more information about our district’s Gifted and Talented programs, check out our website, [linked here](#).

Sincerely,

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