**March 22, 2013**

**Dear Parent,**

**Your child has been selected to participate in an enrichment group called KITS (Kids into Thinking Skills). They were recommended and chosen by a team of teachers and HES staff. The 4th quarter KITS theme is “Gizmos and Gadgets.”**

**Students will choose “Adventure Projects” to work on independently in their classroom. *This is a little different from the first KITS session.* Parent volunteers and staff will be available to work with students on Thursdays from 1:45 – 2:30. During this time students will discuss projects, quality work, thinking processes, and present to classmates, completed “At School Adventure Projects.”**

**The purpose for the enrichment group is to provide exposure beyond the regular curriculum to new ideas, skills, and concepts not encountered before. It is not meant to be stressful for any participant. Students will *not* be graded on projects. Rubrics and self evaluations may be provided to help give clarity on the finished project, instructional activity, or learning objective.**

**Students must be receiving a 3 and 4 in subject areas and/or on assessments to participate. A strong component of the enrichment includes the ability to work with others and without constant adult direction. The activities (home/school) will help to foster leadership skills, strong verbal skills, confidence, and opportunities to be creative and problem solve.**

**To be a part of this group, students will be expected to complete some outside projects, research or various other assignments in addition to their regular classroom expectations. Students will also be expected to contribute to group discussions. Each student will complete and then present a “Home Project” at the end of each quarter to their classmates.**

**If a student is having difficulty contributing, working together, or feeling overwhelmed with their assignments, we will notify you to work together to decide what is best at that time. You will also need to notify us at any time if you feel it is not working. Again, this is in addition to what they are getting in their 2nd grade classrooms.**

**Mrs. Crumpler, AIG Teacher and I, are very excited about being able to implement this for our 2nd grade students. I want them to gain as much as possible from being a part of this enrichment group.**

**Sincerely,**

**Monica C. Crews, Assistant Principal**

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| **Track 1 April 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9**  |
| **Home Project Presentations: Wk. of May 16** |
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| **Track 2 April 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9**  |
| **Home Project Presentations: Wk. of June 6 or 13** |
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| **Track 3 April 4, 11 May 16, 23, 30**  |
| **Home Project Presentations: Wk. of June 6**  |
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| **Track 4 April 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**  |
| **Home Project Presentations: Wk. of May 30** |