

## **Enrichment Resource Teacher**

The Enrichment Resource Teacher (ERT) plans and works together with each classroom teacher to build on children's strengths. The ERT focuses on higher level thinking skills, such as problem solving, creative and analytical thinking, and delving deeply into content areas.

The ERT and teachers plan together and decide on ways for the ERT to work with children. The Enrichment Resource Teacher:

- \* Works with changing groups of children in areas including language arts, math, and social studies outside or within the classroom
- \* Assists the teacher with differentiating teaching and activities to meet children's learning needs.

The ERT works with flexible groups of children who have demonstrated through classroom performance that they need learning extensions. In kindergarten, first, second, and third grades, teachers and the ERT informally group throughout the year to reflect children's readiness, interests, and needs.

The ERT and teachers draw on many resources and create materials. They respond to individual needs as children change and grow. The classroom teacher is the child's main source of enrichment and acceleration. The ERT assists with teaching, materials, and strategies.

The Explore program begins in third grade and fourth grade. Children who work with the Enrichment Resource Teacher will not necessarily need to be in the formally identified portion of the Explore program, as it is designed to meet specific needs.

While the classroom teacher is the main contact for your child's total program, the ERT is happy to talk with parents.