SHOULD MY CHILD BE IN THE GIFTED PROGRAM?

To answer this question, let's first look at the meaning of "gifted"? The Alabama State Department of Education defines "gifted" as *those who perform at or have demonstrated the potential to perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment.* There are many characteristics associated with giftedness that can help us determine if a student should be evaluated. Follow this link to the "National Association of Gifted Children" website. Here you will find a list of characteristics to examine. If your child displays several of these characteristics, it may be a good idea to refer him/her for evaluation.

Students participating in the gifted program visit the gifted resource room one day per week for three hours. (Students are pulled from their regular classroom to take part in the program.) During this time, students study concept-based units and work on activities that build problem-solving skills, logical thinking, and much more.

I hope this information is helpful. If you do choose to refer your child for gifted evaluation, simply send me a request via email or in writing and I will start the process as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Tammy Tindol
Gifted Specialist

"Dad, you sold me on some bum investments."