

BRIDGES THINKING SKILLS SYLLABUS

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“The gifted student needs to build skills in problem solving and productive thinking to contribute to the solution of meaningful problems.”
Deborah Burns

The Thinking Skills class focuses on critical thinking, creative thinking, analytical thinking, and organizational thinking skills.

This class is part of a comprehensive curriculum designed to meet the cognitive needs of gifted children. Robert Ennis, Arthur Costa, Robert Sternberg, David Sousa, and Deborah Burns are just a few of the researchers we have used to define the following skills:

WEEK 1

Pre-Test for Thinking Skills

WEEK 2

Bridge Building

Etymology

WEEK 3

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Etymology

WEEK 4

Bridge Building

Etymology

WEEK 5

Bridge building

Etymology

WEEK 6

Bridge building

Etymology

WEEK 7

Bridge building

Etymology

WEEK 8

Bridge building

Etymology

WEEK 9

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 10

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 11

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 12

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 13

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 14

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 15

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 16

Hands-on Equations

WEEK 17

Formulating Questions

Identifying Assumptions Choosing a Research Topic

WEEK 18

Collecting Data

Skimming & Scanning

Judging the Accuracy of Presented Information Research

Reading Research Material (trash & treasure)

WEEK 19

Judging the Credibility of a Source

Interpreting Data Research

Research

WEEK 20

Interpreting Data

Reading Research Sources and Materials

Skimming, Scanning and Note Taking

WEEK 21

Developing a Thesis Statement

Preparing Persuasive Speech

Classifying, Outlining (and Webbing)

Summarizing Preparing for Persuasive Speech

Preparing for Persuasive Speech

WEEK 22

Communication / Presentation Skills

Math Problem Solving Preparing to present Persuasive Speech

Problem Solving Strategies used in Math Olympiad

WEEK 23

Communication / Presentation Skills

Presenting Persuasive Speech

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