

**PHELPS CENTER FOR GIFTED
W.I.N.G.S.
2ND Grade**

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Thinking Skills Syllabus

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

This class, specifically allotted to thinking skills development, is part of a comprehensive curriculum to meet the cognitive needs of gifted children. Robert Ennis, Arthur Costa, Richard Paul, Sidney Parnes, and Deborah Burns are just a few of the researchers we have used to define the thinking skills taught at WINGS.

Thinking Skills time includes 45 minutes of thinking skills activities, 45 minutes of computer activities & 30 minutes of math. Thinking Skills are also integrated into the Major Unit curriculum. Below is a list of scheduled lessons although the sequence of topics may change to support major unit curriculum.

WEEK	OBJECTIVE
1	Flex week – no formal lesson
2	Thinking Skills Pre-Test
3	Recognizing Attributes
4	Recognizing Attributes
5	Making & Judging Observations
6	Making & Judging Observations
7	Making & Judging Deductions - Mindbenders
8	Making & Judging Deductions – Mindbenders
9	Making & Judging Deductions - Syllogisms
10	Asking Questions of Clarification
11	Answering Questions of Clarification
12	No Formal Lesson – Thanksgiving Vacation
13	Informative Speeches - Introduction
14	Informative Speeches – Speech Writing
15	Informative Speeches – Presentation Practice
16	Informative Speeches – Presentation Day
WINTER BREAK	