

# Elementary Gifted & Talented Special Programs, 2017-2018

Special Program Title and Description		Grades	Important Dates & Information
<p><b>CREATIVE PURSUIT</b> 3-6</p>	<p><b>Creative Pursuit</b> provides an opportunity for students to create a product based on a problem, theme, or task related to grade-level curriculum. Students also develop a performance that highlights their product and shows their ability to think in creative modes. This program is available for students in grades 3-6.</p> <p>For the 2017-2018 school year, the GT Department will help support school competitions with judges, ribbons, and trophies.</p>	3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Rebecca Smith if you would like to run a Creative Pursuit competition in your school:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>rebecca.smith@jordandistrict.org</li> <li>801-567-8368</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>DEBATE</b> 5-6</p>	<p><b>Debate</b> provides the opportunity for students in grades 5-9 to develop skills in research, writing, speaking, and the formal debate process. Students have the opportunity to compete in a district debate tournament in the spring and may advance to the state tournament.</p> <p>2017-2018 Elementary Debate Resolution: In the United States, the benefits of government regulation of education outweigh the harms.</p>	5-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date TBD – Jordan District Elementary Debate Tournament               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually the end of March or the first of April</li> </ul> </li> <li>Date TBD – Utah Elementary Debate Tournament               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually the end of April</li> </ul> </li> <li>For more information, please visit:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.utahdebatecoaches.org/middle-elem">http://www.utahdebatecoaches.org/middle-elem</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>HISTORY DAY</b> 4-6</p>	<p><b>History Day</b> is a research-based project that engages students in grades 4-12 in researching topics related to a yearly theme. Students choose their own focus from any era of history and, based upon their interests and abilities, choose a method for presenting their information. There are five presentation categories: exhibit, historical paper, audiovisual documentary, website, and dramatic performance. Schools hold competitions, then send winners to the Salt Lake Regional Fair.</p> <p>2017-2018 History Day Theme: Conflict and Compromise in History</p>	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>February 26, 2018 – Salt Lake Regional Registration Due</li> <li>March 23, 2018 – Salt Lake Regional Competition               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located at SLCC/Taylorville Campus</li> </ul> </li> <li>For more information, please visit:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="https://www.nhd.org">https://www.nhd.org</a></li> <li><a href="http://nhd.org/sites/default/files/2018themebook.pdf">http://nhd.org/sites/default/files/2018themebook.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>MATH TOURNAMENT</b> 4-6</p>	<p><b>Math Tournament</b> is a rigorous math competition that focuses on complex problem solving. There is a team component and an individual component to the tournament. Space for this popular event fills up quickly!</p>	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date TBD               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually the end of March or the first of April</li> <li>Daybreak Elementary hosts the event in their gym</li> </ul> </li> <li>Competition and registration information will be distributed via email to all elementary principals</li> <li>For questions or more information, please contact:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>daybreakmathtournament@gmail.com</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>MONSTER MATH</b> 2-6</p>	<p><b>Monster Math</b> provides opportunities for students to work in groups to solve complex story problems. This problem-solving process engages students in reading, thinking, communicating, computing, and conceptualizing. An emphasis is placed on students explaining and documenting their reasoning and approaches. There are three competition categories: Individual Classroom, Grade-level Teams, and ALPS Classrooms.</p>	2-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 2, 2018 – Monster Math Registration Due               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration will go live in January</li> <li>Please check the GT website for the link</li> </ul> </li> <li>March 12, 2018 – Problems Delivered to Schools</li> <li>April 13, 2018 – Completed Problems Due to District Office</li> <li>May 7, 2018 – Packets Returned &amp; Trophies Awarded</li> </ul>

<b>PROBLEM SOLVERS IN TRAINING K-1</b>	<b>Problem Solvers in Training</b> gives young students the opportunity to solve complex math problems. The handbook provides teachers with guidelines and strategies for teaching the problem-solving process in their classroom.	K-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Rebecca Smith for a handbook: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ rebecca.smith@jordandistrict.org</li> <li>○ 801-567-8368</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>READER'S FAIRE K-3</b>	<b>Reader's Faire</b> incorporates the elements of reader's theater to give young students the opportunity to perform through the oral tradition of storytelling without the need for memorization. The GT staff will support classroom/school fairs by providing ribbons and certificates.	K-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Rebecca Smith if you would like to run a Creative Pursuit competition in your school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ rebecca.smith@jordandistrict.org</li> <li>○ 801-567-8368</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>STORY WEAVERS 3-6</b>	<b>Story Weavers</b> provides an opportunity for students in grades 3-6 to use their imagination, voice, and gestures to tell a story. Storytelling engages students in the enjoyable pursuit of literature and nurtures the preservation of the oral tradition of storytelling. A district-sponsored storytelling festival is held each spring. It is delightful to watch the storytellers weave their speaking into the tales!	3-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 2, 2018 – Story Weaver Registration Due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Registration will go live in April</li> </ul> </li> <li>• May 9, 2018 – Story Weaver Festival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ South Jordan Middle School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>STEM FAIR 4-6</b>	<b>STEM Fair</b> provides opportunities for students to engage in the learning process using the scientific method and engineering skills. 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade students who excel in school fairs can compete in the Jordan District Fair.	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 21, 2018 – Jordan District STEM Fair</li> <li>• Please visit the Elementary Science webpage for details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="http://elemscience.jordandistrict.org/stem/elementary-school-stem-fair-information/">http://elemscience.jordandistrict.org/stem/elementary-school-stem-fair-information/</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Contact Paul Nance for more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ paul.nance@jordandistrict.org</li> <li>○ 801-567-8175</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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