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Niwot Elementary School

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| School Contact Information | Niwot Elementary School niwotes.svvsd.org Main Office: (303) 652-2828 |
| Overview of Gifted and Talented | <p>Niwot is a school of differentiated instruction, so support for individual needs and growth is the cornerstone of the school culture. Our gifted and talented program supports students and classroom teachers through consulting, push-in support if appropriate, and pull-out content-specific enrichment classes.</p> <p>All identified students are provided with an Advanced Learning Plan that is drafted or updated in the fall each year. This plan documents academic goals, classroom strategies, social emotional goals, and progress monitoring. Parents, teachers and students are valued collaborative partners in ALP development.</p> |
| Programming and Enrichment Opportunities | <p>Classes are typically offered for reading and math in grades 3, 4, and 5; support for K-2 is provided by classroom teachers and supported by the GT teacher through consultation. 3-5 reading groups and 3rd and 4th-grade math prioritize enrichment and extension. Process focus and open-ended problem solving are math foci, and Greek/Latin roots, mythology, and Shakespeare are some of our reading opportunities. 5th-grade math is an accelerated 5th/6th math class, taught by one of the homeroom teachers with push-in and consult support from GT. In addition to the pull-out classes, homeroom reading groups are differentiated. In homeroom or differentiated math classes, teachers pre assess, so students who demonstrate mastery have opportunities for enrichment/extension. When content acceleration is appropriate, we utilize building resources as much as possible, but also draw on district resources, such as LaunchEd, to prioritize whole-class involvement.</p> |
| Social Emotional Support | <p>The opportunity to explore with other students who may share divergent thinking traits is a valuable benefit of our enrichment groups. Having other students “get” them and being able to validate differences is often the greatest support for our identified and program/monitor students, but we do also embed social/emotional support in classroom practice. Some of the</p> |

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| | specific areas of focus are emphasis on process, perfectionism, self-concept, and executive function. |
| School Focus | Niwot is a school of differentiated instruction. Our mission is to provide each student with a well-balanced and successful learning experience that promotes a lifelong enjoyment of learning, positive self-esteem, and an appreciation of respect and acceptance for all individuals. |