

THE SCA EXCEL PROGRAM EXISTS TO SERVE THE UNIQUE ACADEMIC NEEDS OF 2ND-5TH GRADE STUDENTS WHO TEST INTO THE 97TH PERCENTILE OR ABOVE IN ONE OF THE THREE COGNITIVE ABILITIES TESTS OR IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE OR ABOVE ACROSS ALL THREE. THIS ASSESSMENT INCLUDES VERBAL (LANGUAGE), QUANTITATIVE (NUMBERS AND PATTERNS), AND NONVERBAL (SPATIAL). INSTRUCTION IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A CHALLENGING BLEND OF HIGHER ORDER THINKING ACTIVITES THAT WILL STIMULATE THE MINDS OF OUR STUDENTS.

THE MISSION OF THE SCOTTSDALE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EXCEL PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE A LEARNING COMMUNITY THAT MAXIMIZES THE GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL OF GIFTED STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE COGNITIVE, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS THROUGH HIGHLY CHALLENGING CURRICULUM AND SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION AND ACTIVITIES THAT ENABLE STUDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEMANDS OF AN EVER-CHANGING SOCIETY AND IMPACT THE WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

DEPTH AND COMPLEXITY THINKING TOOLS
SOCRATIC DISCUSSION
FOSS SCIENCE KITS
GREEK AND LATIN ROOTS
PUBLIC SPEAKING
MATH PERPLEXORS AND PUZZLES
VOCABULARY ENRICHMENT
WORD ANALOGIES