



Classroom Information & Syllabus for Mrs. Mason GT K-5th

Teacher & Course Info:

Teacher Contact Information	Dani'el Mason daniel.mason@nisd.net ext136114
Conference Period	M-8:35-9:15; T/F- 11:10-11:55; W- 2:05-2:50; TR- 8:35-9:05
Daily Schedule	<u>GT SCHEDULE</u> Mon-Fri: 8:00-8:30 School-wide Intervention Mon: 10:10-11:55; 12:35-2:05 3rd Gr GT Tues: 8:35-10:00; 1:05-2:45 4th Gr GT Wed: 8:35-10:00; 1:35-12:20; 1:05-2:05 5th Gr GT Thurs: 9:10-11:10 1st Gr GT / 12:35-12:45 2nd Gr GT Fri: Kinder Lessons, Grade level Mac GT Support, PLC GT Makeup Day, District Meetings, Testing Lunch: M-12-12:30; T/F-12:35-1:05; W-12:25-12:55; TR- 11:25-11:55
Course Overview & Content	Our grade level instructional plan may be found at nisd.net/schools/catalogs . In addition, I will communicate information around our learning targets through Monthly S'More Newsletters. These will be sent via email and also linked in our Class Dojo.

Grading & Progress:

Grading Weights	Student progress is monitored through a comprehensive and ongoing process that combines classroom performance, informal assessments, and continuous observation. Teachers evaluate students each week using assignments and classwork, while also incorporating informal strategies such as small group instruction, observations, and quick checks for understanding. Additional information is gained through student work samples, projects, and other methods of assessment.
Make-up Work	When appropriate, students will complete missed GT assignments during station rotation time in their next scheduled GT class or at another time designated by the teacher. Additionally, in accordance with district policy, students are not required to make up routine homeroom classwork missed while participating in their scheduled GT class.
Promotion Requirements	NISD Promotion Requirements
Measuring Progress	Student progress is monitored through ongoing observations, participation, performance-based tasks, and completed projects. Performance Reports are issued twice each school year to communicate student growth.
Assessments:	
COGAT Testing	Sept. 14-25, 2026 District-wide ALL 5th Grade Oct 5-23, 2026 campus 3rd/4th referral testing Jan 7-29, 2027 campus Kinder referral testing Feb 2-19, 2027 District-wide ALL 2nd Grade Mar 1-April 2, 2027 campus 1st referral testing
STAAR Testing	April 13, 2027 3-5th ELAR STAAR April 15, 2027 5th Sci STAAR April 20, 2027 3-5th Math STAAR
Student Support:	
Intervention	In our classroom, we are committed to the success of

	every student. GT services are already designed to meet the needs of gifted learners. If a student needs additional support in a specific skill or concept, GT services will be adjusted to provide the needed support. If necessary, the student will have access to targeted intervention opportunities such as small-group instruction and computer based interventions. These interventions are designed to close learning gaps and help students build confidence. Our school provides opportunities during our campus wide intervention block Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am-8:30 am.
Enrichment	Enrichment opportunities are built into our curriculum to challenge students through higher-level thinking and deeper exploration of class topics. Our goal is to ensure every student remains engaged and continues to grow at their own individual pace. GT students at NWC will participate in Breakout EDU Daily Breakouts at the beginning of each GT class to develop critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. During appropriate independent work and technology times in the homeroom classroom, students will have access to Breakout EDU enrichment activities. In addition, GT students are expected to complete assigned lessons in the Beast Academy online mathematics program during designated classroom technology time in their homeroom. Our school provides opportunities for enrichment during our campus wide intervention block Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am-8:30 am.
Communication	
Communication Method	Communication between home and school is vital for student success. I will communicate via Class Dojo, email at daniel.mason@nisd.net, and/or phone calls at 210-397-0600 ext 136114..
Report Cards	Grades are not assigned for the GT Pullout Program but Performance Reports are completed 2 times a year and

	sent home with students.
Parent Conferences	We value the partnership between teachers and parents. Parents are offered the opportunity for at least two in-person conferences throughout the year. Fall Parent Conferences: 10/13/26-10/30/26 Spring Parent Conferences: 01/11/27-01/29/27 The GT teacher is available to participate in these conferences when invited by the classroom teacher and/or parent. Additionally, parents or the GT teacher may request a conference at any time during the school year to discuss student progress, GT services, or any questions or concerns.