



Hi Parents,

We have gotten off to a great start in 4<sup>th</sup> grade GT this year; I have really enjoyed continuing to work with this amazing group of students! I hope your child has told you about some of the activities we've worked on so far. We started with the Marshmallow Challenge and found out some interesting things about our own creativity. Next, we began the unit "Camp Invention". In our first activity—*Champions*—students discovered the unseen inventors behind their favorite sports and applied their ingenuity by creating their own high-energy games and designing the ultimate sports complex. Next, students worked on *Design Thinking*—becoming successful innovators, creating sketches, building prototypes, designing logos, and pitching their inventions while protecting their intellectual property. In *Rescue Squad* they solved real-world challenges in habitats across the country and in *Flight Lab* they are currently exploring the principles of flight (with the assistance of their very own robots) and building a cityscape out of upcycled materials.

Check out some videos of the students in action by clicking on this link (the password is *finney*): [4th GT First Quarter 21](#)

or using this QR code:



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