

Writing Buddies

Mr. Colucci's Grade 4 gifted and talented (GATE) students recently participated in an exciting service-learning project called Writing Buddies! Service-learning is a type of instruction in which students learn academic content while helping out their community. GATE students partnered with Mrs. Maher's boys and girls to write and illustrate children's' books. Mr. Colucci's students improved their writing and leadership skills, while Mrs. Maher's students enhanced their abilities to identify the main characters in a story, as well as their social skills. The project ended with a fun-filled celebration in which the Writing Buddies read their stories to their classmates, parents, and teachers. Dr. Nichols stated, "Writing Buddies was an outstanding example of a how teachers can work with stakeholders in order to motivate students and serve their communities, while focusing on essential academic skills. Mr. Colucci, Mrs. Maher, and other members of the staff who collaborated on this project are to be commended for developing this service-learning curriculum."

