### Seminar Program Summary 2014-2015

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<td><strong>Emphasis:</strong> Critical Thinking, Technology, and Multidisciplinary Problem Solving</td>
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| **Teacher(s)*:** Tamara Vaughan, 3rd Grade Seminar  
Theresa Tran, 4th Grade Seminar  
Phil Barham, 5th Grade Seminar |

**The School Environment/Mission Statement:**
Ericson’s GATE Seminar provides an environment where students are cognitively engaged in rigorous problem-based learning across the curriculum. Students feel safe in communicating their ideas without stigma, and are inspired to realize and achieve their optimal potential to be productive and contributing members of a global society.

- **Curriculum modifications to provide depth, novelty and complexity:**
- Socratic Seminars
- Tiered Lessons
- Vertically articulated curriculum
- Questioning strategies that promote critical thinking
- QTEL strategies

- **Opportunities for student choice and creative expression:**
- Differentiated higher level thinking assignments
- Individualized computer based experiences/assignments
- Problem-based learning

- **Unique activities and approaches:**
- Technology-based learning
- Simulation/role playing integrated into the curriculum

*Teacher is GATE certified with at least three years experience  **This description is subject to change