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Dear Parents,

This year Maryville R-II is taking a new approach to summer school. We are expanding services to offer 24 free and exciting full-days of programming for all students grades K-8. Our summer program, called Summer Journey, will be FUN for kids, but will also provide an opportunity for them to experience 60+ hours of advanced academic preparation for the year ahead and an opportunity to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge.

Summer Journey's extraordinary educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in **reading, language arts, math, and social studies or science**. While all of the ambitious academic courses will be relaxed in format (no homework or tests for grades), **Summer Journey** will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery.

To make it even more enticing to students, **Summer Journey** offers an extensive incentives program. Students will be eligible to receive **daily prizes** if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win **Grand prizes** that will be awarded on the final day. All of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be well rewarded with an **Attendance Recognition** ranging from \$50 for "near perfect" attendance to \$100 for "perfect attendance".

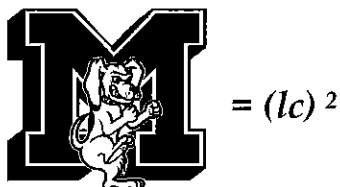
Finally, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2017, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We believe that getting familiar with staff, fellow students, the building, and routines during the summer creates a better fall experience. Students will be eager to return in August and their "first day of school" will be a positive one.

Who should attend **Summer Journey**? Everyone. Simply put, it's good for kids. Families with young children can also benefit from the GO program which will continue to be offered throughout the summer session.

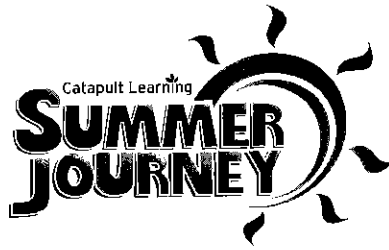
Look at the information enclosed. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

Dr. Becky Albrecht



Promoting learning, leadership, character, collaboration



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Maryville R-II *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Maryville R-II to provide a world-class educational experience to district students.

What does the program cost to parents?

The programming is free to all students.

When will the program be held?

The Maryville *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning May 22 and ending on June 23, 2017, from 7:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Dates could be changed based on the number of days missed due to inclement weather. Changes will be announced.

Must my child be in attendance every hour of the program in order to receive credit for the *Summer Journey* program?

No. It is assumed that students may have vacations or camps planned. While prizes for good attendance are available to students, a child's occasional absence should not deter parents from enrolling their children in the program.

Will transportation be provided to and from the program?

Yes, transportation will be provided for those student families who qualify for transportation during the regular school year. However, bus routes will be limited and may vary from routes during the regular school year. Transportation information will be sent to those families who require transportation as soon as the plan becomes available.

What will my child(ren) do each day?

In the morning, Elementary and Middle School *Summer Journey* students will attend exciting academic classes where they may read interesting adventure stories, play language arts games, and/or use technology to solve math mysteries. A typical schedule would include four morning classes of Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science or Social Studies. After lunch, students will explore three fun-filled courses for first 12 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in last 12 days.

How does the incentive program work?

Many students will win daily incentives for their efforts through a daily drawing or some similar format established by the summer site. Your student is also eligible to receive one of the following incentives for their *Summer Journey* attendance:

- 0 hours missed = \$100 gift card
- 0.5 - 7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 7.5 - 14 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, students will be served lunches using the same systems used during the regular school term. As a result, students should plan to purchase meals (or bring lunch) in the same way they do during the regular school year.

How do I enroll my child for *Summer Journey*?

Simply fill out the enrollment form found in the front pocket of this brochure and return it to your child's school.

Student Incentives

Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

\$100 Shopping Card

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

\$75 Shopping Card

Up to 7 hours* missed

\$50 Shopping Card

Over 7 hours, up to 14 hours* missed

* 7 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

*14 hours is the equivalent of two days missed.

Gift cards can be used in the local stores or malls. The attendance incentives are contingent on actual (full-day) attendance in the *Summer Journey™* program.

Daily Incentives

Daily incentives will be awarded to students on basis of good attitude and achievement as determined by each site.

Maryville Summer Journey™ Course Offerings

All **Academic Courses** (Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Science and/or Social Studies) are offered during morning sessions. All **Journey Courses** are offered during afternoon sessions. Students participate in *Journey* courses for two week blocks, enabling every student to participate in six *Journey* courses.

Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

Adventures in My Own Backyard

Kindergarten “explorers” respond with fascination and wonder as they explore habitats typically found in their own backyard. Multi-sensory activities are used extensively, providing opportunities for meaningful engagement with the learning process. Students' knowledge of the natural world is fostered along with concepts such as color and shape recognition, fine-motor development, phonemic awareness, and counting and sorting. This unit offers multi-level activities and is appropriate for districts with a wide variance in student population, including children with little or no previous school experience.

Kamp Kindergarten

In the afternoon portion of the Kindergarten day, students unpack their sleeping bags for a quiet time as they listen to nature sounds and engage in physical movement activities focused around the theme of camping. Students develop cooperation skills as they investigate manipulatives and games during Backpack Explorations. From creating s'mores to sharing campfire stories, young campers enjoy their stay at Kamp Kindergarten.

Primary

(students entering grades 1, 2, 3 in the Fall)

Act It Out
Air Time
BrickLAB: Brain Builders
Movement & Rhythm
Nature with a Twist
Pirate Camp

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB: Famous Architecture
Flight & Aerodynamics
Lifetime Sports Junior
Readers' Theatre
Retro Recreation
Strings & Beads

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6-8 in the Fall)

3D Art
60 Seconds or Less
Daily Challenge Plus
Game Show!
Ground Drones
Sports Clip Plus

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