

Dear Parents,

Welcome to summer school! It is going to be a fun and busy 20 days working on reading skills! My name is Jen Buchanan and I will be your child's summer school teacher. You can find me in Room 129. Summer school hours are 8:30-12:30 Monday through Friday. We will NOT have school the week of July 1st and school will resume on July 8th. Summer school ends on July 19th.

Please make sure your child knows how he/she will get home each day. If there are changes to the normal dismissal routine, please send a note so I am aware of the change.

All supplies will be provided, therefore, students will not need backpacks. Uniforms are not required for summer school. However, no small strap tank tops or flip flops are to be worn.

To encourage good behavior and attendance, the students will be earning tickets towards a prize raffle at the end of the summer school session. Please encourage your child to do their personal best, have excellent behavior and attend each day ready to learn.

There will be no homework for summer school, but an important way to improve reading skills for children is to read each day! I hope you will have your child read at home for at least 15 minutes each night this summer. The public libraries have excellent programs all summer where kids can record the books they have read and earn prizes.

Listed below, you will find some of the skills we are working on during summer school.

- We will work hard on learning procedures for reading with a partner, reading to ourselves, as well as different literacy centers around the room.
- We will talk about fiction and nonfiction books and how we tell the difference.
- We will work on identifying different purposes for writing, and making sure our writing has a beginning, middle, and end.  
We will read poems.
- We will practice making inferences, learn to identify poems and what makes them different from prose.
- We will practice using the pictures in a text to make inferences.
- We will write short poems.  
We will determine the main idea of a selection and finding important details.
- We will learn to add important details to our own writing.  
We will work on summarizing what we have read.
- We will work on determining the purpose of our writing.

I look forward to working with your child. If you have any questions, please contact me at Joy 873-2090 ext 6335. Thank you.

*Mrs. Buchanan*