



Macon County R-I School District

Dear Parents,

Once again our school district will offer all students, free of charge, an exciting approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it; our summer program will be FUN for kids. Yet, our summer school program also provides an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of advanced academic preparation for the year ahead as well as 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**. Other important fields of study are also available.

While the 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. There will be many courses that provide experiences for enhanced learning opportunities which ultimately challenge students both creatively and academically. Be assured, we are offering courses for all age groups with an emphasis on fun learning and exploration.

In addition, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2019, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when new students meet their teachers, fellow students and our staff during the summer, they are eager to return in the fall and find that “first day of school” experience to be a positive one.

Finally, to make the program even more enticing to students, an extensive incentives program characterizes **Summer Journey**. 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. And, as in past years, 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”.

Who should attend **Summer Journey**? Everyone. Simply put, it's good for kids. Look at the information enclosed. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

Scott Jarvis

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Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Macon County R-I *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Macon County R-I 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 Macon County R-I *Summer Journey* program operates daily from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Program dates will be confirmed later in the spring.

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 the first 12 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the 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 - 7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 7 - 14 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, the District has applied for a special state grant whereby ALL students would receive free breakfast and lunch daily. In the event the grant is not approved, lunch will be served using the same systems that are currently in place.

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

Registration for *Summer Journey* is available online at: goo.gl/CcFT6j.



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.

Macon County R-I 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)

Kids at Work

“Work” is fun in the four-weekly mini-units Dinosaur Bones, Pat-A-Cake, At the Pet Shop, and Detectives for Hire. Students build on prior knowledge as they learn about a variety of careers. Each activity is designed to foster early learning concepts, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, measurement, and shape recognition. From digging for fossils to tracking down missing letters, this unit offers multi- activities appropriate for all early learners.

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)

Cubelets BOT Builder	Local Action
Local Performance	Nature with a Twist
Summer Seuss	Yoga-cize

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Famous Architecture	
Local Performance	Local Action
Lifetime Sports Junior	Ready, Set, Drone!
To Games & Beyond	

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

3-D Art Camp	Daily Challenge Plus
Drone Blocks	Game Show!
Local Action	Survivor Camp

Macon County R-I Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Changes will be announced.