

explore!

Summer 2018

Jeffries Elementary

Session 1: June 5-29

Session 2: July 5-31

Monday-Friday 8:50AM-3:20PM

Dear Families,

Thank you for enrolling your child in Explore! at Jeffries Elementary. We are thrilled about the opportunity to expand your child's learning through engaging, interactive and fun curriculum that has been designed to allow students the chance to EXPLORE their interests and develop their knowledge.

My name is Amy Patton and I will be serving as the Explore! Principal at Jeffries Elementary for part of session 1. I am getting ready to start my 5th year as the Rountree Elementary Principal. I attended Jeffries Elementary from 1st grade through 6th grade. My inspiration to become a principal was while I was a Jeffries Jaguar! This is my 3rd summer to serve as summer school principal and I am looking forward to a fantastic summer of learning.

My name is Brittany Payne and I will be serving as the Explore! Principal at Jeffries Elementary for part of session 1. For those of you that do not know me, I currently serve as the Horace Mann Elementary Principal during the regular school year. Three years ago I served as the Jeffries Assistant Principal, helping me be familiar with the building and excited to return in this role. This will be my fourth summer to serve as a summer school Principal and I am excited to see all the smiling faces and engaged learners over the summer months and look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones.

KINDERGARTEN - WONDERFUL ME! (session 1)

What makes you unique, amazing and wonderful? Explore your talents and showcase them this summer. Gain the skills and confidence you need to start kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN - D IS FOR DINOSAURS (session 2)

Dig and discover your way through your summer! Become an archaeologist and uncover fossils, build a dinosaur museum and tell a dino tale all while preparing to enter kindergarten.

GRADE 1 – STORIES ON STAGE (session 1)

Bring stories to life! Students will create sets, scripts, and costumes while exploring story elements in this theatrical course.

GRADE 1 - SUPERHERO CAMP (session 2)

Not all superheroes wear capes but they are brave, solve problems, and make the world a better place. Students will create comics, videos, and costumes featuring a superhero solving a problem of their choosing.

GRADE 2 & 3 - CAMP CURIOUS (session 1)

Ever wonder how a light bulb works? What keeps an airplane in the sky? Discover the what, why and how of the world around you. Come to Camp Curious where you can take objects apart and become the next great inventor.

GRADE 2 & 3 - SPLASH! (session 1)

Did you know 71% of our Earth is covered in water? Where does the water you drink come from? Trace a drop of water from the clouds to your glass and experience the role of a water conservationist in the great outdoors.

GRADE 2 & 3 – GOING FOR GOLD (session 2)

Do you want to know what it takes to be an Olympic champion? Exploring sports activities, field trips, and your favorite summer and winter Olympic events will unleash your inner Olympian.

GRADE 2 & 3 - INTO THE WILD (session 2)

Come explore where the wild things are! Put on your safari hat as we travel to observe animals in their habitats. Students will direct an animated movie, go on virtual field trips and discover ways to help animals.

GRADE 4 & 5 – NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (session 1)

By pushing, pulling, pedaling, jumping, climbing, bouncing and exploring, this class will create an interactive exhibit for use at Discovery Center. Students will construct and test their prototypes. The result? One exciting summer!

GRADE 4 & 5 – CITY OF THE FUTURE (session 1)

What kind of future would you build? Become a leader that will care for the future of our city by exploring energy sources, food supply and the impact of our daily life. Hands-on discovery will take place throughout Springfield during field experiences.

GRADE 4 & 5 - SURVIVOR (session 2)

Survival in the wilderness requires will and skill! In order to survive, you must find food and water, build a shelter, and navigate your way. Do you have what it takes to survive, thrive and make it back to civilization?

GRADE 4 & 5 – CYBER SQUAD (session 2)

Do you like exploring new technology tools to help you learn? Would you like to be the “go to” technology person in your classroom? Become a techie for your school and team up with your teacher to help other students learn technological skills and assist them with their PBL presentations and video creations.

Explore! session one will run Tuesday, June 5, to Friday, June 29. Session two will run Thursday, July 5 to Tuesday, July 31. Each school day will begin promptly at 8:50am and conclude at 3:20pm.

TRANSPORTATION

(See *After School Dismissal Procedures* attached for more information)

It is important that your child has a regular, consistent method of transportation to and from Explore! each day. Bus transportation will be provided for eligible students, along with YMCA Before- & After-School Program (6:30am-6:00pm). Your child should know if he/she is going to the YMCA Program, riding the bus, walking, or being a car rider each day. If you need to change your child’s normal method of transportation, a written note or phone call to the Jeffries office is needed by 2:30pm. If the school does not receive this communication, your child will be sent home by his/her normal transportation method.

Car riders – For the safety of our students, we will follow the same drop-off and pick-up procedures of the regular school year. Please line up in the right lane in the front of the building. To ensure the safety of our car riders, please place the identification card, found in this packet, in your vehicle’s front window.

Bus riders – Busses will load and unload at the back of the building. Please contact the Transportation Department (417)523-0500 or (417) 523-0011 with any questions. April 1st is the registration deadline to guarantee transportation on the first day of Explore!

YMCA Before- & After-School Program – These students can be dropped off as early as 6:30am at the North cafeteria doors. Students must be picked up no later than 6:30pm in this same location.

Walkers – We will have both East End and West End walker locations as usual throughout the regular school year.

MORNING PROCEDURES

On the first day, please feel free to walk your student(s) to their classrooms and meet their teacher. After the first day, students will report first to the gym and will be supervised there until released to go to their classrooms.

NURSE/MEDICATION

A nurse will be on staff at Jeffries Elementary for the Explore! sessions. If your child has any medical conditions or needs to take medicine at school, please share this information with the Explore! nurse and your child's teacher.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students should bring their basic supplies from the regular school year. Please make sure students have two pencils, crayons or colored pencils, one spiral notebook, one folder with pockets, glue, scissors, and one dry-erase marker.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Demonstrating good behavior is also an expectation during Explore! Student misbehaviors will be addressed in a proactive manner using principles of positive behavior interventions. Explore Coordinators will review instances with students having repeated inappropriate behaviors. At the Explore Coordinators' discretion, students with repeated inappropriate behavior may be dropped from the program. All SPS board policies apply to students attending.

We look forward to an exciting extension to your child's learning this summer. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding Explore! at Jeffries Elementary.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Patton & Mrs. Brittany Payne
Summer School Principals at Jeffries Elementary

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Car Rider Tag

(First Name)

(Last Name)

(Grade)

After School Dismissal Procedures

Procedures for Bus Riders

1. All bus riders will wait in their bus lines in the gym/FEMA Safe Room. They will be supervised by school personnel. Students who ride the bus will be dismissed as the appropriate bus arrives. Transportation delays may occur due to traffic, construction, student behavior, etc. Staff will remain with students until they are loaded and off school property.
2. A child MAY NOT ride any bus other than his or her designated bus. They may, however, get off the bus at a different stop with a friend for emergency/unique situations ONLY if they have a note from their parent/legal guardian and approved by Transportation. Transportation: 523-0500. After Transportation approval, an administrator must also sign the parental written permission.
3. Please review all bus rules with your children (located in the SPS Student Handbook). Failure to follow these safety rules might lead to loss of privilege to ride.
4. Only bus eligible riders may ride the bus.
5. The Jeffries' bus loop/lane (bus access only) is located off of Republic Rd. and Glenn. Students will be dropped off/picked up on the west side of the building.

Procedures for YMCA Wrap-Around Program Students

1. Students who are going to the after-school YMCA program will be dismissed at 3:15pm. They are to go directly to the Jeffries APR at that time. Students must be enrolled in this program to attend. The YMCA's number is (417)862-8962. At this time, we are planning on having students dropped off/picked up from the APR door(s), located in the back (north side) of the school. Please see the YMCA staff with questions or concerns.

Procedures for Walkers and Bike Riders

1. Students who live west of Jeffries are to exit the building through the west end doors with a designated staff member when dismissed by their teachers. Those living north or east are to exit the building through the east end doors with a designated staff member.
2. After being dismissed, these students are to wait for the designated staff member who will then escort this group of students off campus.
3. Students are NOT to ride bikes on school property between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. They will need to walk their bicycles during these times. NO skateboards or scooters are allowed on school property. Bicycles should be locked during the school day and helmets worn.
4. Students who live in the Golden Pond apartments/subdivision may exit the building through the west doors at dismissal. These students should cross the asphalt north of the big play structures in order to avoid after-school traffic.
5. Students should use the "Buddy System" and should never walk or go home alone.

Procedures for Car Riders

1. This group of students will be dismissed at 3:20 pm each day.
2. To ensure a safe and orderly dismissal, parents and older siblings should wait in their vehicle, in the car line and stay to the right hand side of the lane.
3. If your child is bus eligible, we highly encourage you to take advantage of this service. If you are not eligible to ride the bus, we encourage carpooling ☺ if possible to help our carline run quickly.
4. Please place your car rider tag in your vehicle's front or passenger side window.
5. An administrator or staff member will assist in obtaining names and coordinating pick up.
6. Safety is our number one priority. We do not allow students to walk into the parking lot or through cars to meet parents. It is vital that all parents follow the dismissal procedures for the safety of all students.