

# explore!

Hello Parents!

Hello and welcome to the start of a fantastic journey! We are very excited you have chosen to give your child an amazing experience and opportunity through Explore. This letter is intended to introduce the principals of Pershing Elementary Explore program session I & II and to provide you with some details that will guide you to a successful first day of Explore and beyond.



My name is **Lorie Fisher** and I am the current assistant principal at Hickory Hills. I am beyond excited to be your child's Explore principal for session 1 (June). This is my 24th year with SPS and my second year at Hickory Hills. Prior to my time in leadership, I taught at Bissett, Watkins and Sequiota. I love leading and learning and helping students and teachers be the best they can be. It's going to be a fantastic summer!



My name is **Misty Ramsey** and I am thrilled to meet your child and guide summer learning through Springfield's Explore program. I will be serving as principal at Pershing Elementary Session 2 (July). Currently, I work out of the Special Education Services district office as a Process Coordinator and assigned to a variety of sites for special education support. I began my career at Reed Academy, then moved to Hillcrest to teach special education, and for the past 6 years I have worked in the Bentley Administrative Center. I have a passion for building relationships with students that aid in their academic success. I look forward to meeting you in July!

Explore Session 1 will begin June 5 and will continue five days a week until June 29<sup>th</sup>. We start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Session 2 will begin on July 5<sup>th</sup> and will continue until July 31<sup>st</sup>. Breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m. each day. Breakfast and lunch are free to all students.

Students are encouraged to bring their leftover school supplies from this past school year to Explore. Supplies your child will need include: pencils, a notebook, crayons, a folder, glue and scissors.

Prime Time will be available for a fee both before and after school. To enroll, please call 417-862-8962. If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact our school nurse for the proper paperwork to be completed.

Demonstrating good behavior is 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.

Having good attendance is extremely important during Explore. There are many activities and experiences to take part in, and we want to make sure your child doesn't miss out. Your efforts in making sure your child is here every day is very much appreciated!