

explore!

Hello Parents!

It is with great excitement that I am writing this letter to welcome you and your student to Explore 2018 at Sunshine Elementary School in June! My name is Rebekah Kirby, and I will be your child's principal for the first session of Explore. I have worked in Elementary Education for the past 13 years and have served as an Explore principal at Bissett, York, and Portland during the past three summers. I earned both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Missouri State University. When I am not working, I am difficult to find as I often spend my time hiking in the woods.

Explore Session 1 will begin June 5th and continue five days a week until June 29th. The school day will begin promptly at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students. If your child is eating a school breakfast, it is very important for them to arrive at class on time. Bus transportation is available for eligible students. Bus eligibility can be checked on your child's Explore Registration page.

Transportation for Summer School will be available to specific sites for eligible elementary students. Students must register by April 15 to be guaranteed bus transportation the first day of Summer School. They are eligible only if they live within the designated attendance area and their residence is more than 1.5 miles from their assigned summer school site. Students may choose to attend any Summer School location if they provide their own transportation. Call 417-523-0500, 417-523-0011 or 417-523-0005 for transportation questions.

Prime Time will be available for a fee both before and after school. You can drop your child off as early as 6:30 a.m. if enrolled in Prime Time and pick up your child as late as 6:00 p.m. To enroll your child, please call 417-862-8962.

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 everyday is very much appreciated!

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.

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

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact our school nurse for the proper paperwork to be completed.

Courses Offered during June:

Wonderful Me- (K) What makes you unique, amazing, and wonderful? Explore your five senses and how you use them every day. Gain the skills and confidence you need to start kindergarten.

Stories on Stage- (1) Bring stories to life! Students will create sets, scripts, and costumes while exploring story elements in this theatrical course.

Camp Curious- (2-3) 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.

Splash!- (2-3) Boom! Crack! Summer thunderstorms can be exciting and fun, but where does all that water go afterward? Travel with a raindrop to discover how nature and our drinking water are related. Explore streams, hiking trails, fishing, and the water cycle during field experiences at the Watershed Center.

City of the Future- (4-5) 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.

Night at the Museum- (4-5) Full STEAM ahead to Discovery Center for all creative engineers! In this course, you will be conducting hands-on research about what makes a good exhibit. You will design, build and present a museum exhibit prototype to DC staff and community members.

I look forward to seeing you in June for Explore! Until then, enjoy the rest of the 2017-2018 school year.

Sincerely,

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