

explore!

Dear Families,

Thank you for enrolling your child in Explore! My name is Lisa Shevey and I will be serving as the Explore! Principal at Sunshine Elementary for Session 2 in July. During the school year, I teach Kindergarten at Horace Mann Elementary. I have been teaching for 10 years and have taught first and second grade as well. I earned my Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Carolina and my Masters in Administration from Lindenwood University. When I am not at school, I am usually at a sporting event of one of my three children. I am so excited to have this opportunity to serve my first session as Explore! Principal at the school where I attended elementary. I have such fond memories of Sunshine Elementary and I am excited to return and spend the summer making memories with your students as they learn through engaging, interactive and fun activities.

Below, you will find general information regarding the Explore summer program, as well as information specific to Sunshine Elementary.

Enrollment and Course Information

Session 1 runs from June 5-June 29. Session 2 is July 5-July 31. To read about the courses offered for your child's grade level, or to register your child for Explore, please visit the following site: <https://www.sps.org/explore>. If you have questions about the enrollment process, please call 417-523-5200.

Attendance

Daily 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 at school every day is very much appreciated! If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please let the office know at 417-523-5200.

Behavior

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.

Nurse/Medication at School

A nurse will be on staff at Sunshine 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. If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact our school nurse for the proper paperwork to be completed.

School Supplies

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

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are free to all students in the Explore summer program. Your child may also bring his or her own lunch to eat during this time.

Arrival, Dismissal & Transportation

It is important that your child has a regular, consistent method of transportation to and from Explore! each day.

School begins at 8:50 AM. Students can be dropped off as early as 8:30 AM. Students will report to the gym each morning and supervised there until being released to their classroom. On the first day, please feel free to walk your student(s) to their classrooms and meet their teacher. Make sure to let your child's teacher know how your child will be getting home from school. If you are unable to walk your child in to meet the teacher, please write a note informing the teacher how your child will go home.

We will dismiss each day at 3:20 PM. Your child should know if he/she is going to the after school 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 Sunshine 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.

Bus transportation for Summer School will be available to specific sites for eligible elementary students. Students must register by April 1 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.

I look forward to learning and exploring with you all this summer!

Sincerely,
Lisa Shevey