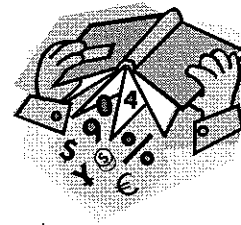


Proposal:



Running Start Summer Program



WHAT:

This program is designed for students entering grade 1 through students entering grade 8. Each day of the program students will receive one hour of Math fundamentals and another hour of Language Arts fundamentals. Students will also take an athletic "power walk" for 45 minutes in between their two academic class periods. The purpose for the program is to prepare students to perform well academically during the upcoming school year. The program also aims to help students see the positive link between physical fitness and academic performance.

During the two Fridays of the program there will be a "wienie roast" after the second class for all students. Hotdogs, potato chips, drinks, and cookies will be provided for a picnic-style lunch for all students and staff.

During the two Wednesdays ("Wet Wednesdays") of the program there will be water sprinklers set up for students after the second class to run through in their swimsuits and sneakers. This will be a fun way to cool off and "beat the heat".

Math class will focus on fundamentals. Pupils entering grade 2, for example, will practice mental addition and subtraction ($8+7...$ $13-9...$ $6+5-8$) as well as practice "higher order thinking skills" embedded in word problems connected with the operations of addition and subtraction. Another example: students entering grade 6 will practice multiplying/dividing fractions and decimals as well as confront appropriate word problems. Old-fashioned "memorization helps", flash cards, and exciting "speed drills" will be a part of Math class every day!

Language Arts class will also focus on fundamentals. Everyday all classes will read a grade-appropriate story and write sentences/paragraphs that relate to the story. Proper handwriting will be re-taught, emphasized, and expected. All pupils will be expected to hold their pen/pencils correctly. Students entering grade 4 and those in higher grades will be expected to write in cursive handwriting exclusively.



SPECIAL EDUCATION:

All efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of special education students by offering some classes co-taught by a general education teacher and special education teacher.

WHEN:

Monday, August 12, 2013 through Friday, August 23, 2013. On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays the program will begin at 9AM and will conclude at noon. On Wednesdays (due to the sprinkler activity) and Fridays (due to the "wienie-roasts") the program will begin at 9AM and conclude at 1PM.

WHERE:

All classes will take place in air-conditioned classrooms in the Hamilton School, 1231 Burnet Avenue in Union. The Wienie-Roasts and Wet Wednesday Sprinkler fun will take place in the outdoor playground area of the school.

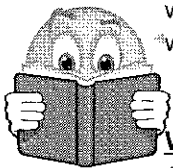
WHO:

All students enrolled in the Township of Union Public Schools who are entering grades 1 through grade 8 are welcome to enroll on a "first-come, first served" basis. The program will be staffed by an administrator and teachers who are properly certified by the N. J. State Department of Education and who have a Criminal Background Check clearance.

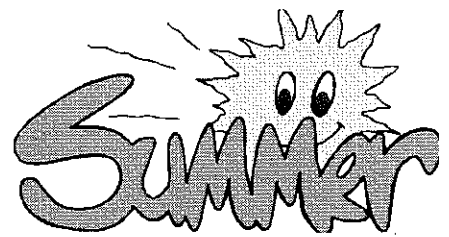
Dr. Patrick Martin, Superintendent of the Township of Union Schools, will coordinate the program (enroll students, oversee staffing, monitor student activities) Dr. Martin's office telephone is (908) 851-6407.

COST:

There is a minimal cost of \$50 per student to fund the salaries of the teachers involved in this summer program.



Proposal:



TO ENROLL:

Please submit the form below with \$50 (non-refundable) to Superintendent Martin or Superintendent Secretary Julia Vicidomini at the Township of Union School District Office (2369 Morris Avenue – directly behind the high school) before July 1, 2013.

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2013 Running Start Summer Program Enrollment Form

Please enroll my student for the 2013 Running Start Summer Program:

(PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY)

Student Name _____

Male/Female _____

School _____

Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Home Phone _____

Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent Email Address _____

Please make checks payable to Township of Union Board of Education

