



Kirksville R-III School District

Dear Parents,

This summer, our school district will offer all students, free of charge, a fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it. Not only will our summer program be FUN for kids, it will also provide an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of academics during the summer months. This academic time will give students the chance to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge as well as prepare for the school year ahead. **Summer Journey's** extraordinary educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in **reading, language arts, math, and social studies or science**. Other fields of study are also available.

While the academic courses will be relaxed in format—no homework or tests for grades—**Summer Journey** will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery. **Summer Journey** courses may include a rocket class, where students learn the basic principles of flight as they construct and fly real rockets, or a cooking course, where they learn basic cooking techniques. Other courses that may be offered include *Simple Machines*, designed to introduce students to elements of engineering, and *Lifetime Sports*, designed to develop the body and encourage a lifetime of fitness. These are only a sample of the courses that may be offered.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in fall 2023, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when these young students meet their teachers, fellow students, and our staff during the summer, they are eager to return in the fall and find that “first day of school” experience to be a positive one.

Finally, **Summer Journey** offers an enticing incentive program for students. Students will be eligible to receive **daily** rewards if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude and behavior, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win **Grand Prizes**, which will be awarded on the final day. And, as in past years, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be rewarded with **Attendance Recognition** gift cards, ranging from \$50 for “near perfect” attendance to \$100 for “perfect attendance.”

Who should attend **Summer Journey**? Everyone. Simply put, it's good for kids. Look at the information enclosed. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,
Robert Webb
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Kirksville R-III *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Kirksville R-III to provide a world-class educational experience to district students.

What does the program cost to parents?

The programming is free to all students.

When will the program be held?

The Kirksville R-III *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning on June 1 and ending on June 30, 2023. The program will be held daily at:

Kirksville Primary (K-2), 7:55AM – 3:15PM

Ray Miller Elementary (3-5), 7:50AM – 3:10PM

William Matthews MS (6-8), 7:45AM – 3:05PM

Dates could be changed based on the number of days missed due to inclement weather. Changes will be announced.

Must my child be in attendance every hour of the program in order to receive credit for the *Summer Journey* program?

No. It is assumed that students may have vacations or camps planned. While prizes for good attendance are available to students, a child's occasional absence should not deter parents from enrolling their children in the program.

Will transportation be provided to and from the program?

Yes, transportation will be provided for those student families who qualify for transportation during the regular school year. However, bus routes will be limited and may vary from routes during the regular school year. Transportation information will be sent to those families who require transportation as soon as the plan becomes available.

****Enrollment Form must be turned in by May 5th to have bus service the first week of summer school.***

What will my child(ren) do each day?

In the morning, Elementary and Middle School *Summer Journey* students will attend exciting academic classes where they may read interesting adventure stories, play language arts games, and/or use technology to solve math mysteries. A typical schedule would include four morning classes of Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science or Social Studies. After lunch, students will explore three fun-filled courses for the first 11 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 11 days.

How does the incentive program work?

Many students will win daily incentives for their efforts through a daily drawing or some similar format established by the summer site. Your student is also eligible to receive one of the following incentives for their *Summer Journey* attendance:

- 0 hours missed = \$100 gift card
- 0 – 7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 7–14 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, the District has applied for a special state grant whereby ALL students would receive a free breakfast and lunch daily. In the event the grant is not approved, breakfast and lunch will be served using the same systems that are currently in place.

How do I enroll my child for *Summer Journey*?

Simply fill out the enrollment form found in the front pocket of this brochure and return it to your child's school.



Student Incentives

Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

\$100 Shopping Card

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

\$75 Shopping Card

Up to 7 hours* missed

\$50 Shopping Card

Over 7 hours, up to 14 hours* missed

* 7 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

*14 hours is the equivalent of two days missed.

Gift cards can be used in the local stores or malls. The attendance incentives are contingent on actual (full-day) attendance in the *Summer Journey*™ program.

Daily Incentives

Daily incentives will be awarded to students on basis of good attitude and achievement as determined by each site.

Kirksville R-III *Summer Journey*TM Course Offerings

All **Academic Courses** (Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Science and/or Social Studies) are offered during morning sessions. All **Journey Courses** are offered during afternoon sessions. Students participate in *Journey* courses for two week blocks, enabling every student to participate in six *Journey* courses.

K–Intermediate Summer Journey Course Offerings

Kindergarten

(students entering K & 1st Grade in the Fall)

Let's Go Visting

Students visit and explore fascinating places in a child's world during the weekly mini-units Let's Visit the Garden, Let's Visit the Zoo, Let's Visit the Farm, and Let's Visit the Aquarium. Building on students' prior knowledge, engaging, theme-related activities foster early learning concepts and skills, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, sorting, and counting. Games, manipulatives, literature response, and writing activities inspire active learning while integrated science and social studies concepts support meaningful learning connections and nurture students' natural curiosity.

3-2-1 Blast Off!

We're blasting off into fun and learning during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. This theme-packed course is sure to delight and amaze all budding astronauts! After enjoying daily quiet time under the stars, students explore the solar system and participate in astronaut training camp. From planning a mission to Mars to designing a spaceship, this course offers an out-of-this-world experience!

Primary

(students entering grades 2, 3, 4 in the Fall)

Nature with a Twist BrickLAB: Brain Builders
Field Day Primary Magic Show
Rockin' Robots Sports Clip Primary

Elementary

(students entering grades 5 & 6 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Build a Better World Traveling Artist
Readers' Theatre Retro Recreation
Rockets Junior Field Day Junior

Intermediate

(students entering grades 7–9 in the Fall) Daily

Challenge Plus Eggs-traordinary Physics
Podcasting Summer Camp Classics
60 Seconds or Less Rockets Plus

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