



## Wentzville R-VI School District

Dear Parents,

Once again our school district will offer all students, free of charge, an exciting approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it; our summer program will be FUN for kids. Yet, our summer school program also provides an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of advanced academic preparation for the year ahead as well as to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge. **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 important 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. There will be many courses that provide experiences for enhanced learning opportunities which ultimately challenge students both creatively and academically. Be assured, we are offering courses for all age groups with an emphasis on fun learning and exploration.

In addition, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2017, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when new 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, to make the program even more enticing to students, an extensive incentives program characterizes **Summer Journey**. Students will be eligible to receive **daily prizes** if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win **Grand prizes** that will be awarded on the final day. And, as in past years, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be well rewarded with an **Attendance Recognition** 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,

**Dr. Curtis Cain**

Superintendent

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the *Summer Journey* program?**

The Wentzville R-VI *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by the Wentzville R-VI 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 Wentzville R-VI *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning 6/5/2017; and ending on 6/29/2017, K-6 8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. and 7-8 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

***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?**

Families will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from 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 first 12 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in last 12 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 = \$60 gift card
- 0 - 6 hours missed = \$45 gift card
- 6 - 12 hours missed = \$30 gift card

### **Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?**

Yes, students will be served lunches using the same systems used during the regular school term. As a result, students should plan to purchase meals (or bring lunch) in the same way they do during the regular school year.

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

Online enrollment is available at [www.wentzville.k12.mo.us](http://www.wentzville.k12.mo.us)

# Student Incentives

## Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

### **\$60 Shopping Card**

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

### **\$45 Shopping Card**

Up to 6 hours\* missed

### **\$30 Shopping Card**

Over 6 hours, up to 12 hours\* missed

\* 6 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

\*12 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.

# Wentzville R-VI Summer Journey™ Course Offerings

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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.

## Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

### Kids at Work

“Work” is fun in the four weekly mini-units Dinosaur Bones, Pat-A-Cake, At the Pet Shop, and Detectives for Hire. Students build on prior knowledge as they learn about a variety of careers. Each activity is designed to foster early learning concepts, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, measurement, counting, and shape recognition. Thematic centers and literature-based math activities complete the morning. From digging for fossils to tracking down missing letters, this unit offers multi-level activities appropriate for all early learners.

### 3-2-1 Blastoff!

We’re blasting off into fun and learning during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. This theme-packed unit is sure to delight and amaze all budding astronauts! After enjoying a daily quiet time under the stars, students rotate through different playful planets and participate in astronaut training camp. From creating silly aliens to designing outer space rockets, this course offers an out-of-this-world experience!

## Primary

(students entering grades 1, 2, 3 in the Fall)

Scratch Camp  
BrickLAB: Magic Beans  
Unleash Your Wildside  
Lifetime Sports Primary

## Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Claymation  
Traveling Artist  
BrickLAB: Famous Architecture  
Sports Clip Junior

## Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

Ground Drones  
Flying Disc Camp  
Mixed Media  
60 Seconds or Less

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## Wentzville R-VI

### ***Enrollment Information Enclosed***

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