

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Cottonwood School District's summer school program will be located at the West Cottonwood School campus. Our summer program is designed to help students stay on the right track with their math and reading skills. Summer school will be from Tuesday, June 11 to Friday, June 28 from 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Wednesday, June 19 will be a non-school day in honor of a federal holiday. Below you will find seven great reasons to consider enrolling your child into our program.

1. Avoid the Summer slide

Two or more months away from school can have a detrimental effect on many kids' progress. Sure, kids can read and do enrichment over the summer, but what's better than a couple hours' work to keep their minds fresh? Last year at North Cottonwood one of our summer teacher classroom's tied most of its work to a single book. The kids read the book and discussed it and did a series of projects around it. It was well-received and the kids really enjoyed the process.

2. Help close the achievement gap

It's no secret that many children suffer from the "summer slide", and it's a hurdle for anyone who wants to close the achievement gap. According to the California Department of Education, as well as most teachers, some kids can fall behind about two months in reading over the break and the problem can grow over time.

3. New perspective

There are widely varying school communities and summer programs throughout Shasta County, and summer school – which does not take place at every school – means many kids get a different experience over the summer. They will get to meet students, teachers, and administrators from both North and West Cottonwood Schools.

4. New friends

The kids they'll sit with in class, ride with on the bus to and from school and play with at recess, and possibly even Project Share will also come from both sites. If your student is like

many from last year's program, they'll come home on the first day with stories of kids whose names you've never heard before. It just might expand their horizons and their friend groups!

5. It's fun!

Though they might have groaned when we told them they were going to summer school, most kids had a great time and enjoyed it more than going to daycare. They had fun not only on the playground, but even in the classrooms. The school day is just a few hours with library, PE, and recess times each day.

6. It's free!

Seriously, pretty much every working parent has watched their bank balance dwindle over the summer due to child care costs. So, while maybe it isn't the main reason to consider summer school, the fact that it is free is a real – and understandable – lure for many. After care at Project Share is also available!

7. The Teachers!

Our teachers are amazing and are willing and ready to help your student achieve their reading and math goals and keep them on track for the upcoming school year.

If you are interested and would like to enroll your child, please click on the following [link](#) or the QR code below.

