



Trenton R-IX School District

Dear Parents & Guardians,

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, but 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** academic roots are 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. Lessons 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 Camp*, designed to introduce students to elements of engineering, live well, 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 2024, 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 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,

Mr. Daniel Gott

Superintendent

Trenton R-IX School District Summer Journey 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 designated blocks of time, enabling each student to participate in every Journey course.

Summer Journey Location(s):

- S.M.Rissler Elementary (K-9)

Kindergarten (Students Entering K)

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 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 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade)

Journey Courses

Act It Out	Dirt Camp	Plants & Seeds
BrickLAB: Magic Beans	Lifetime Sports Primary	Pirate Camp

Elementary (Students Entering 4th-5th Grade)

Journey Courses

BrickLAB Build a Better World	Daily Challenge Junior	Retro Recreation
BrickLAB Famous Architecture	Flight & Aerodynamics	To Games & Beyond

Intermediate (Students Entering 6th-8th and/or 9th Grade)

Journey Courses

3-D Art Camp	BrickLAB Genetics	Sports Clip Plus
60 Seconds or Less	Game Show!	Survivor Camp

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Summer Journey program?

The Trenton R9 School District Summer Journey is an extended learning summer program operated by Trenton R9 School District and Catapult Learning 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 Trenton R9 School District Summer Journey operates daily from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The program will run five days per week, May 22, 2024 through June 26, 2024*.

**Dates may change 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 to receive credit for the Summer Journey program?

No. We understand 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.

What will my child(ren) do each day?

In the morning, Summer Journey students attend engaging 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 a variety of fun-filled courses that rotate for those enrolled in the program.

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:

- Perfect Attendance = \$100 gift card
- Up To One Day Missed = \$75 gift card
- Over One Day, Up To Two Days Missed = \$50 gift card

Will breakfast and lunch be served every day?

Yes, through a special state grant, ALL students will receive a free breakfast and lunch.

How do I enroll my child for Summer Journey?

If your student is currently attending any school in the District click the link below to complete enrollment:

<https://www.trentonr9.k12.mo.us/forms/current-student-summer-school-enrollment>

Click the link below if your student does not currently attend any school in the Trenton R-IX District:

<https://trenton.powerschool.com/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=485493>