

TO: All K – 5 Licensed Teachers
FROM: David Muniz, Principal Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
RE: Summer School Thematic Unit of Study Application
DATE: February 21, 2017

Valparaiso Community Schools Summer School Thematic Unit of Study Teaching Application 2017

The elementary thematic unit of study summer school program will begin on July 10, 2017, (Monday) and conclude on July 28, 2017 (Friday). The location of the 2017 thematic unit of study summer school program will be at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. Six sections of about twenty to twenty five students will be provided for both incoming fourth and fifth graders throughout the district. Three sections will be provided for incoming fourth grade students and three sections will be provided for incoming fifth grade students. Fourth and fifth grade students will be selected on a first come first serve basis as participants.

The three week thematic unit of study program will be broken into one week units of study. Each summer school teacher will design a one week unit of study that will be taught to each of the three sections over the three week time period. Each week sections will be rotated among the three teachers at each grade level in order for all students to be immersed into each unit of study. The weekly four hour time block should be broken down to include a unit of study, interactive technology, problem solving, and project-based learning. Teachers will administer a teacher created pre and post assessment to measure student's overall understanding and growth of the unit of study. The post assessment may consist of a culminating activity Teachers will plan and organize learning experiences to go along with the proposed unit of study.

Please fill out the unit plan template. The template will serve as your proposal of your one week unit. Please be as detailed as possible.

Summer school teachers are to be in attendance every day of summer school unless there is an illness. The summer school program is brief and the students need the consistency of the same teacher. Teachers not able to fulfill the fifteen day summer school programs are asked not to apply. If there are any unusual circumstances requiring a teacher's absence, the teacher's situation can be taken under advisement with Mr. Muniz, Summer School Principal.

If you are interested in applying for a summer enrichment teaching position, complete the attached unit plan template and return it to Mr. David Muniz by Friday, March 3, 2017 at TJE. All applications and templates will be reviewed and a selection of three teachers for fourth and three teachers for fifth will be made. You will be notified once student sections are filled mid-May.

If there are questions, please contact David Muniz at 531-3130.

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Teacher's Name _____ School _____ Current Grade Assignment _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Home Phone _____

Date Submitted _____

Important: Please indicate the grade level(s) that you would prefer to teach this summer.
(Please state your 1st and 2nd choices below.)

Grade 4 (Enrichment) _____ Incoming fourth graders

Grade 5 (Enrichment) _____ Incoming fifth graders

*Current Teacher's License Required

If you have any comments or questions, call Mr. Muniz at 531-3130.

**Return to Mr. Muniz at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School by
Friday, March 3, 2017.**