

TO: All VCS K – 5 Licensed Teachers
FROM: David Muniz, Principal Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
RE: Summer School Application
DATE: February 13, 2017

Valparaiso Community Schools Summer School Teaching Application 2017

The elementary summer school program will begin on July 10, 2017, (Monday) and conclude on July 28, 2017 (Friday). The location of the 2017 summer school program will be at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. Due to Category I course offerings from the IDOE, the Valparaiso Elementary Summer School program will focus on Literacy and Reading remediation for students in grades 1-3. Math will also be integrated into each summer school day.

The 4 hour time block will be broken down into a 90 minute Literacy Block, a 45 minute interactive technology block, 45 minutes of Literacy/Math problem solving, and 60 minutes of project-based literacy. The 90 minute literacy block will engage students in small group reading opportunities based on reading strategies and student instructional reading level. Teachers will administer Study Island pre and post assessments to determine needs and monitor both reading fluency and comprehension growth. In addition to the 90 minute Literacy Block, students will participate in 45 minutes of interactive technology through various media (interactive white boards, chrome books, laptops and iPad). Teachers will plan and organize learning experiences on Study Island, Reading Eggs, and Math Eggs. In addition, teachers will prepare a Literacy/Math problem-solving workshop for 45 minutes daily. The Literacy/Math problem solving workshop will include journal entries that require reading, writing, and strategizing multi-discipline problems (reading response journals, math journals, and problem of the day). Sixty minutes will be devoted to project-based fluency opportunities such as reader's theaters, puppet shows, etc. During the second week of summer school students may be administered the IREAD-3 retest. The selection of faculty will be based on summer school seniority.

Summer school hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The 4 specific blocks of time will be adjusted to share technology and provide optimum educational experiences.

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 teaching position, complete the attached application and return it to Mr. David Muniz by Friday, March 3, 2017 at TJE. Positions will be filled as student registration is completed in mid-May.

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

Valparaiso Community Schools
2017 Summer School Application

Teacher's Name _____ School _____ Current Grade Assignment _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Home Phone _____

Date Submitted _____

Please Note: Students in summer school will be organized according to 2016-17 grade level. Summer school will be considered an individualized remediation opportunity specifically designed to focus on Literacy skills and the Indiana State Standards. Teachers should take this into consideration as they indicate their grade level preferences.

Important: Please indicate the grade level(s) that you would prefer to teach this summer.
(Please state your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices below.)

Remediation

- Grade 1 (Remediation) _____ 2 sections
- Grade 1 (Literacy Support) _____ 2 sections
- Grade 2 (Literacy Support) _____ 2 sections
- Grade 3 (Literacy Support) _____ 2 sections
- IREAD- 3 (Remediation) _____ 1 section

*Appropriate Current Teacher 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.