

Our Fifth Year of Summer Academic Support and Enrichment Programs

Our 1st-6th grade summer school has grown ...

- from 18 students in 2006
- to 62 students in 2007
- to 132 students in 2008
- then to 171 students in 2009.

We are offering three academic sessions this summer plus one week of field trips:

- Field Trip Week: June 7-11 (1 week)
- 1st Session: June 14-July 2 (3 weeks)
- 2nd Session: July 6-23 (3 weeks)
- 3rd Session: July 26-August 13 (3 weeks)

Students have six classes daily, plus four hours of rest and recreation. The first two academic sessions will be at Jefferson School, at 1725 Irving (at 18th). The third session will be at Calvary Presbyterian Church, at 2515 Fillmore (at Jackson). During the field trip week, we meet at our year-round site, 320 Judah (at 9th).

We've made the transportation easy.

Our bus runs at 7:45-8:30AM and 5:30-6:15PM, stopping at 6th & Geary, Divisadero & Geary, Market & Castro, Parnassus & 3rd, 9th & Judah, West Portal, and Glen Park.

Our New Kindergarten Readiness Program

Students have four classes daily, using the same multisensory methods we employ with the older kids. Ample rest and recreation time is scheduled between classes, utilizing carefully selected age-appropriate materials.

The oral language hour emphasizes phonics, discussion, and vocabulary-building. The literacy hour's focus is letter-sound correspondence and penmanship. The math hour is for counting activities and learning math vocabulary. The science hour introduces the physical, earth, and life sciences.

Skill-Building Summer School 2010 1st/2nd/3rd Session Daily Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Academic Mornings</u>
	<u>Literacy/Math/Geography/Science</u>
8:00	• Earliest drop-off, first recess
8:30	• First class
9:30	• Second class
10:30	• Second recess (snack provided)
11:00	• Third class
12:00	• Lunch and third recess (apologies, no lunch provided)
	<u>Afternoon Arts & Movement</u>
	<u>Chess/Art/Sports/Drama</u>
1:00	• Quiet time - Chess and Puzzles
2:00	• Fourth class
3:00	• Fifth class
4:00	• Fourth recess (snack provided)
4:30	• Sixth class
5:30	• Dismissal, fifth recess
6:00	• Latest pickup

Tuition, Discounts and Deadlines

Full-day (8:00-6:00) tuition is \$400/week (\$8/hr) when enrolled in a full session. The field trip week costs \$400; each of the 3-week academic sessions cost \$1200.

Half-day morning (8:00-1:00) tuition is \$300/week (\$12/hr). Each 3-week session costs \$900 for the morning program. **Half-day afternoon (1:00-6:00)** tuition is \$600 (\$8/hr) for each 3-week session.

Bus transportation costs \$10/day, roundtrip.

We can only accept 12 students per grade per session. Applications with a 33% deposit are accepted in the order received; the balance is due by June 1. We offer discounts of 10% for deposits paid by March 15, siblings, multiple sessions, and students qualified for SFUSD free lunch.

Skill-Building Summer School 2010

MultiSensory Literacy & Math
Science, Geography, Art
Drama, Chess, Sports



1st-6th Academic Enrichment Track Morning Classes

The **Advanced Literacy Skills Hour** is for students scoring in the proficient to advanced range in language arts. Every day we work on oral expression/elocution, *informed-ear spelling strategies*, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension. Older students study Latin roots, suffix and prefix usage, poetry, Aesop's Fables, grammar, and syntax. We still diagram sentences.

During the **Science Hour** students conduct experiments in chemistry, microscopy, or physics. We have a collection of science equipment and supplies that is the envy of every elementary school in town. On microscopy days, we examine plant, animal, or mineral specimens, and record our observations. On chemistry days we make concoctions like white glue silly putty, cornstarch quicksand, polymer worms, and borax slime. On physics days, we celebrate Newton by launching objects from catapults, crashing things together, and experimenting with inertia and gravity.

The **Geography Hour** offers a daily lesson in a subject that is rarely taught at most schools. We have a globe for every student, lots of mapping puzzles, geography games, and a rare collection of geographical and historical atlases. Students learn the geographical significance of wet, dry, and moist environments. The continents and oceans are introduced, along with major rivers, mountain ranges, and agricultural lands. Older students learn about latitude and longitude.

1st-6th Academic Support Track Morning Classes

The **MultiSensory Literacy Hour** is for students not reading at grade level. Students scoring at the basic level or below in language arts should benefit from these classes. We focus on speech development, vocabulary building, phonics, spelling, decoding, reading comprehension, and penmanship. Concepts are taught in a structured and explicit manner, with all the patience that struggling students deserve, using Slingerland-based lesson planning and procedures.

The **MultiSensory Math Hour** is for kids who don't like math, and have difficulty grasping math concepts. Students scoring at the basic level or below in math should benefit from these classes. New learnings are introduced explicitly, patiently, and with real-world applications. Tactile teaching tools are used to create clear mental pictures of math procedures. Color coding helps students understand place value and time telling concepts. We play math games so students can see that math can be fun.

Academic Support students join the Academic Enrichment students for **Science Hour** as their third morning class.

A **Speech & Language Pathologist** will be on staff for 1-on-1 and small group therapy. Kids needing these services see the SLP in daily pull-out sessions during the afternoon.

*Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.
— so sayeth Yeats*

All 1st-6th Graders Afternoon Classes

Why play Chess? Chess builds memory. Chess improves concentration. Chess develops logical thinking. Chess promotes imagination and creativity. Chess teaches children to look both ways before crossing the street. Chess develops the scientific way of thinking. Chess is cheap. Chess is fun. Our **Chess & Puzzles Hour** combines chess with other spatial skills games, 2-Dimensional, and 3-Dimensional puzzles.

The focus of the **Art Hour** is art appreciation, drawing, and painting. Students learn basic color theory, and how to blend in order to achieve rich layers of color. They learn to mix paint, layer colors, and use wet and dry brush techniques. Students who lack fine motor dexterity are patiently helped with their abstract brushwork creations.

The **Drama Hour** gives students a chance to be somebody else for an hour each day. Kids warm up with icebreakers, move on to improvisational activities, theater games, role-drama activities, and work with *Reader's Theater* plays - dramatic presentations recited by the players from printed scripts.

The **Sports Hour** is a PE program providing fundamental skills instruction in one sport each day over a ten day cycle. Students learn *throwology*, basketball, touch football, softball, soccer, tennis, table tennis, fencing, ultimate frisbee, and miniature golf - with no scorekeeping or competition.