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Dear Parents,

This summer, Bayless will once again offer K-8 students, free of charge, a fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it; our summer program is FUN for kids. Yet, our summer school program also provides an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of advanced academic preparation for the year ahead as well as to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge. **Summer Journey's** extraordinary educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in **reading, language arts, math, and social studies or science**. Other important fields of study are also available.

While all of 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. **Summer Journey** classes this summer may include

- **Incredible Writers Squad** – Students will love to be part of the Incredible Writers Squad as they paint, act, and imagine their way to incredible writing superpowers!
- **Mixed Media** – Students will work on multiple projects using unusual mediums such as frosting and shaving cream. They become paper engineers and realize the potential of this simple material. Color, texture, and design are investigated as students draw, shape, form, and paint their way through mixed media!
- **Mathletics** – From the size and layout of playing fields, to the scoring, playmaking, and money earned and spent in athletic events, math is an important part of every sport. Students will explore these aspects as they relate to football, soccer, swimming, biking, and more.
- **BrickLAB—Famous Architecture from Around the World** – From the Taj Mahal to the Gateway Arch, students will use hands-on manipulatives to replicate some of history's most famous designs.
- **Dirt Camp** – Throughout this STEM-filled celebration of soil, students will delight in digging, experimenting and engineering alongside dirt-dwelling animals, artists and agronomists.

In addition, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2024, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when new 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, to make the program even more enticing to students, **Summer Journey** will again offer an incentive program. Who should attend **Summer Journey**? Everyone. Simply put, it is good for kids. Look at the information enclosed. You will be glad you did!

Sincerely,

Amy Ruzicka

Superintendent of Schools

Bayless School District
Saint Louis, Missouri

Bayless 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):

- Bayless Elementary (K-5)
- Bayless Junior High (6-8)

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.

Road Trip

Pack your bags for an exciting adventure! Kindergarten students are off on a Kindergarten Road Trip as they visit exciting places during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. After daily quiet time at the rest stop, students will enjoy theme-related activities while traveling to places they explore in engaging readaloud books. Next, students will rev up their engines as they engage in gross motor play. Last stop is a visit to each destination’s activity stations, where students will engage in purposeful play. Summer fun destinations include going fishin’, visiting an amusement park, and heading to the beach. From taking a ride on a classroom roller coaster to sailing on the ocean waves, this trip is sure to be a dream vacation!

Primary (Students Entering 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade)

Journey Courses

BrickLAB: Brain Builders	Dirt Camp	Stacking Madness Primary
Field Day Primary	Plants & Seeds	Movement and Rhythm

Elementary (Students Entering 4th-5th Grade)

Journey Courses

Science of the Human Body	Daily Challenge Junior	BrickLAB Famous Architecture
To Games & Beyond	Retro Recreation	Traveling Artist

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

Journey Courses

All for One	Game Show!	Mixed Media
Daily Challenge Plus	Influencers Camp	Structural Design

High School

ACT Prep

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Summer Journey program?

The Bayless School District Summer Journey is an extended learning summer program operated by Bayless 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 Bayless School District Summer Journey operates daily from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The program will run five days per week, May 30, 2024 through June 28, 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?

Visit the school's website or the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and complete the Annual Enrollment. If you need additional assistance, please ask your teacher at Parent Teacher Conferences in March.

Catapult Learning



STUDENT INCENTIVES

Attendance

Student incentives are dependent on actual full-day attendance in the Summer Journey program.

\$100 Shopping Card

Perfect Attendance

\$75 Shopping Card

Up To One Day Missed

\$50 Shopping Card

Over One Day, Up To Two Days Missed

Gift cards can be used in the local stores or malls.

Daily Incentives

Daily incentives will be awarded to students on a basis of good attitude and achievement as determined by each site.

Bayless School District

Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Don't Delay—Enroll NOW in this FREE Program!



I. Student Information - (please print)

Please use **student's legal name** and **current year school** information

Date: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Student Address (include physical address if using P.O. Box for mail):

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/ Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Emergency Cell Phone: _____

Ethnicity: (circle one) Asian/Pacific Islander American Indian
Black Caucasian Hispanic

Gender: (circle one) Male Female

Birth Date: _____

Bus Route: _____

Bus Stop: _____ Bus Time: _____

Current School: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

II. Transportation

Bus Transportation

Will your child be riding the bus? Yes _____ No _____

Transportation Address (if different from above):

Other Transportation

Walk _____ Car _____ Picked up by: _____

Daycare: _____

Other: _____

III. Health Information

Health problems or concerns: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Is your child currently taking medication at school?

Yes _____ No _____

Name of Drug(s): _____

Is your child allergic to anything? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please identify: _____

Will your child need medication during Summer Journey?

Yes* _____ No _____

Name of Drug: _____

*if yes, child must have a medical form on site.

Name and phone number of physician(s):

Hospital Preference: _____

In case of accident or serious illness, I request school personnel to contact me, alternate authorized persons, or the named physician. If it is impossible to contact me, authorized persons, or the physician, the school personnel may make emergency arrangements as necessary to care for my child. Yes _____ No _____

IV. Photo Release

I will allow any pictures taken of my child during participation in Summer Journey to be used for advertising and promotional purposes. Yes _____ No _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____