



## Ralls County R-2 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,

**Dr. Tara N Lewis**  
Superintendent

# Ralls County R-2 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):

- Ralls County Elementary

### 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.*

#### **BrickLAB STEAMventures**

*BrickLAB STEAMventures offers immersive hands-on activities that ignite young minds. Through exciting adventures exploring flight, transportation and food, learners build essential skills like counting, coloring and working as part of a team. This program fosters curiosity and creativity while introducing the core principles of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. BrickLAB STEAMventures inspires young learners on their educational journey with engaging and collaborative STEAM experiences.*

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

#### Journey Courses

BrickLAB: Zoo Camp  
Air Time

Cubelets BOT Builder  
Sports Clip Primary

Scratch Camp  
Nature with a Twist

### Elementary (Students Entering 4th-5th Grade)

#### Journey Courses

Sports Clip Junior  
BrickLAB Build a Better World

Oceanic Explorations  
Flight & Aerodynamics

Ready, Set, Drone!  
Tech Lab

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

#### Journey Courses

Rockets Plus  
Survivor Camp

Classroom Cooks  
Blocksmith Camp

Just Golf  
Summer Camp Classics

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **What is the Summer Journey program?**

The Ralls County R-2 School District Summer Journey is an extended learning summer program operated by Ralls County R-2 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 Ralls County R-2 School District Summer Journey operates daily from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The program will run four days per week, May 28, 2024 through June 21, 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, the District has applied for a special state grant whereby ALL students would receive a free breakfast and lunch daily. In the event the grant is not approved, breakfast and lunch will be served using the same systems that are currently in place. Students will be served lunches while receiving instruction and with teachers. We are still waiting to hear if we received state summer school food grant.

## **How do I enroll my child for Summer Journey?**

Simply fill out the enrollment form found in the front pocket of this brochure and return it to your child's school. Or visit the school's website for more information and to register virtually. If you need additional assistance, please ask your teacher.

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## 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.

### Ralls County R-2 School District

#### Enrollment Information Enclosed

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Gender: (circle one) Male Female

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

AM: Bus Rider/ Car Rider PM: Bus Rider/ Car Rider

## II. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## IV. Transportation

### Transportation will be available

Students have an opportunity to use the available transportation to and from summer school and may also have an opportunity to ride the school bus for library visits. Please provide the following information for these opportunities.

My child has permission to ride the bus and participate in library visits during summer school. I understand they must follow the transportation expectations or may lose the opportunity to ride transportation provided during summer school.

Parent/ Guardian signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level (23-24 school year) \_\_\_\_\_

Other students attending summer school from same residence with this child (please include ages):

\_\_\_\_\_

You may opt to ride from your residence if you reside outside the city limits. Students living within the city limits of either Perry, Center or New London our transportation team will utilize various stops.

Please check the stop that is best for your child(ren):

Residence (Write Address Below)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Perry Town Stop\*

Center Town Stop\*

New London Town Stop\*

\*Bus driver will contact you with specific pick-up point

## Expectations of Students Riding Transportation During Summer School

Do not walk behind the bus. Stop when you hear the horn! Stay in your seat. Use quiet voices and respectful words. Sit back-to-back and bottom to bottom in the seat. Be Respectful, Responsible, Ready and Safe!

If students do not follow the transportation expectations the following consequences will occur.

1. Warning given by phone call, or in writing, by bus driver, transportation director, or summer school administration
2. Removal from being able to ride the bus. This will result in guardians being responsible for students getting to and from summer school and could result in the student being unable to ride the bus during summer school day activities.