

Elementary Age Summer Program 2024 Class/Activity Summary

Field Trips: Each **Monday**, we will be going on an offsite field trip. Please have your child wear their summer camp t-shirt on Mondays for field trips. Also, note the summer calendar in regards to whether we will be eating lunch on the field trip or at Oak Forest on Mondays to help you know when to pack non-microwavable meals. Each **Friday**, we will be going swimming at Midway Pool. Please send swim gear, towel, & change of clothes for your child. We will apply sunscreen before departure and half way thru pool time. *(We will use SPF 50+ spray sunscreen; if your child requires special sunscreen, please send it.)*

Arts & Crafts: Each week on **Tuesday**, the kids will get to make a take-home craft that ties into our theme week. Additional crafts will be added throughout the summer. Every **Thursday**, the kids will have a special Arts & Craft time with Mrs. Lily.

Oak Forest Government: Each **Tuesday**, Mr. Mack will be leading an Oak Forest student government or history class. The kids will learn about government, as well as taking part of an interactive government with voting/elections, rules/laws, etc.

Sweet Treats: Each **Tuesday**, we will have Sweet Treats after lunch, with a visit from the ice cream truck or Sunset Slush. We will pay for the treats, therefore no additional money will need to be sent.

Christian Education & Community Service: **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays** during summer camp, the Elementary Age will have Christian Education class with Mr. Josh. This summer, we will be using the "What God is Doing: Old Testament Object Lessons for Kids" & "What God is Saying: Object Lessons From the Prophets for Kids" curriculums on Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. The "What God" curriculums are age appropriate for Elementary age students and uses Bible explorations, fun discussions, engaging games, & captivating activities. Every **Wednesday**, the kids will be exploring characters of the Bible using "The Ultimate Bible Character Devotional". They will explore characters of the Bible by hearing the triumphs of faith and words of wisdom, all paired with Scriptures, devotional thoughts, and comic book style artwork to capture the lessons & cautions of each character's story. Each **Thursday**, they will also choose a different community service project with Ms. Kodi as part of our mission to give back to the community.

Music: Every **Tuesday & Thursday**, the kids will have Music Class with Ms. Kim. The kids will pick songs and practice during the summer and then perform at an Oak Forest special church service on Sunday August 18th at 9:00am.

Wheel Day: On **Thursdays**, kids are welcome to bring their bike, roller blades, skateboards, etc for use during outside play. This is optional. Please send appropriate safety gear. *(We have limited # of spare helmets for kids to use that forget their helmets.)*

Talent Show: The kids will have the opportunity to perform in the Talent Show on July 24th. Throughout the summer, Mr. Mack will have sign-ups, dress rehearsals, and more to prepare for the Talent Show.

Themed Activities & Games: Each week the staff will plan organized group games that tie into the theme week. Every **Wednesday**, there will be large themed activities planned by the staff or program-wide themed activities, such as Mad Science presentation, Carnival, etc.

Discipline/Behavior Reward Summary: We utilize "Time Outs" as our main behavioral modification tool. Time Outs involve temporarily separating a child from an environment where unacceptable behavior has occurred. They will then go to our "Time Out" area during Centers, Outside play, etc. Children's time-out period will be based on their age (i.e. a 10yr old will have a 10 minute timeout). If unacceptable behavior occurs frequently or is extreme, we will utilize others methods, such as restrictions on privileges, being sent to the Director's office, and parent involvement. We strive to maintain an open line of communication with parents/guardians in regard to their child's behaviors. This summer we will also have a visual warning system with our time-outs.
Description below:

- **Green Slip** = At the beginning of every new day all kids will begin with a green slip.
- **Yellow Slip** = If a child does something they are not supposed to – talking on red cup, disrupting a teacher whilst giving instructions etc. – they are to move their green slip to yellow, which is their first warning.
- **Red Slip** = If a child continues to act up then they will move their slip from yellow to red. When a child gets a red slip, they are to do a timeout.
- **Going Back to Green** = After a child does their time out, they can move their card back to green. When the child moves back to green the process starts over.