



LINK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
SUMMER ACADEMY 2010
Learning + Service + Leadership + Parent Involvement = Student Achievement

May 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome home, welcome to Link Community School!

As the director of the 2010 summer academy, I hope that you and your child(ren) are as enthusiastic as I am about the many wonderful learning experiences and opportunities that await you at Link Community School.

One of Link's many offerings is our mandatory Summer Academy for incoming students. By providing our emerging Linkers with a month-long summer program, we are able to aid in the transition of academic and social adjustment, i.e., developing critical and social skills needed to be successful – all before the first day of school in September.

This year's summer program theme is entitled **Learning + Leadership + Service + Parent Involvement = Student Achievement**. The entire school community wholeheartedly believes that this theme encompasses all that is required for student achievement and lifelong success. We will work to improve the academic skills of students entering Link by helping them to acclimate to our culture of academic excellence, develop leadership skills, give back to others, and involve parents and guardians as our partners in educating their children. We know that the success of our students and the school as a whole depends on getting these four components right.

As we continue with our Summer Program plans, I will provide you with more details at a later date, but for now, please note these important details so that you can plan accordingly:

- **Attendance:** Mandatory for all incoming 7th and 8th grade students.
- **Classes:** Single-sex classes will be offered.
- **Dates:** July 1 – July 29, weekdays (note: No school MONDAY July 5th).
- **Time:** Learning will begin promptly at 8:00am. Dismissal is 1:30pm.
- **Meals:** Breakfast and lunch will not be provided, so please make sure your child (ren) eat(s) a very healthy breakfast and brings a very healthy lunch/snack with them daily.
- **Curriculum:** Each student will take four classes daily, set up to mirror Link's regular core classes during the school year.

Literature: Goal is to develop and reinforce basic comprehension skills by reading short stories and analytically answering questions based on prepared reading.

Composition: Provide frequent opportunities for students to write, read, and reflect; it will help students understand the connections between oral and written language while exploring the differences.

Mathematics: Reinforce and further enhance basic critical mathematical skills especially computation and problem solving.

Study Skills: Develop and share strategies in basic study skills, critical thinking, and habits that are important for academic success.

Electives: Introduce Link's Core Values, while allowing students to discover other avenues of learning.

- **Field Trips:** Each student will go on one outdoor educational field trip with his/her class to build teamwork amongst them and their peers and learn more about nature.
- **Dress Code:** Students are required to wear the regulation school uniform during the summer school session. Please make note of the attached uniform policy. (Due to the warm weather in July, students have the option to wear Link's summer uniform.)
- **Parent/Guardian Orientation:** Mandatory Parent Orientation scheduled for Thursday, June 24^h at 6pm.
- **Parental Involvement:** Parents are asked to attend our weekly activities offered during the Summer Academy.

Once again, I am extremely excited to have our new students join our community this summer and look forward to preparing your child (ren) for a successful future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at, 973.642.0529 or via e-mail Tony.Hill@linkschool.org.

Working for the advancement of education, I am,

Tony Terrell Hill
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