

Looking for a way to spend the summer?

Want to have fun and learn?

All students are invited to join the
Readington Township Schools
Summer Enrichment Program



August 3-21

Students Entering

Grades Two and Three

Now Registering!

Here is some general information to help you get started.

- Class sizes are limited. Courses must reach a minimum number of students in order to run, however, there is a maximum enrollment as well.
- Students should enroll in courses for the grade they will be entering in September.
- Each one-week course is held for two-hours a day (either 9-11 or 11:15-1:15) and costs \$125.
- Courses will be offered: Week 1 August 3 – 7
Week 2 August 10 - 14
Week 3 August 17 - 21
- If your child registers for a morning and mid-day session, he or she may bring a **nut-free** snack to eat between courses. Teachers will escort your child to the mid-day session.
- All courses will be taught by Readington Twsp. School teachers. Locations TBD.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to and from all courses for all students.
- Registration, child information, and payment in form of a check are due to your school office by Friday, May 1st. No cash please!
- An electronic confirmation of registration will be sent via email.
- You will be notified through email if a course you have chosen will not be running and depending on availability, you will be allowed to make a different choice or receive a refund.
- Specific information including class location, drop off/pick up specifics, etc. will be sent to you once the course schedule has been completed.
- There will be no refunds after June 19, 2009.

Questions?

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Course Descriptions

August 3-7

Second and Third Grade

9:00-11:00

- **Reader's Theater Workshop**

Reading and acting all rolled into one fun class! Come be a part of Reader's Theater, an activity where students bring the stories alive by reading from a script. The students will "ham it up" while using intonation and gestures. This workshop provides repeated reading practice – an important factor in building reading fluency. This course will give students a chance to practice reading and build students' confidence and enthusiasm for reading.

- **Make Your Own Game**

Everyone loves to play games, but how many people can say that they have actually made one? In this class, you will have the chance to design, create, and advertise your very own game. The class will begin by looking at and talking about some of our favorite games. Next, students will start to take notes and sketch out what they would like their games to look like. Students will be in charge of deciding the shape of the board, the colors and designs on it, what will be on the box, the game pieces, and of course, the name. They will practice their writing skills as they record the rules, and then it's time to draw, color, cut, and put it all together. To finish off the week, students will have the chance to present their games to the class and then it's time to play them!

- **Crazy About Computers (students entering grade 3 only)**

To give students exposure and practice in the most commonly used Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), learn and practice keyboarding skills, develop excellent research skills, and explore fun, educational websites. Each class session will be dedicated to enhancing essential computer skills in fun ways.

- **Daring Debaters (students entering grade 3 only)**

Are you interested in current events? Do you like sharing your opinions about hot topics? Here is your chance! This class will have students debating age appropriate news events from around the world. They will research their topics, form their opinions, plan out their presentations, and will be shown how to debate with others from the class. Students will have fun discussing a wide range of topics and will have the opportunity to critique their own performances along the way.

- **World Games (students entering grade 3 only)**

Students will be able to participate in games played around the world. Each day a new country will be introduced. Students will practice and demonstrate the skills of the games from that country. In addition, students will be able to discuss the cultural importance of the game. The games are cooperative in nature and focus on communication and teamwork as keys to success.

Example Games:

Ooch Neech- Pakistan

Bokwele- Saire: Similar to Capture the Flag

Jai Alai- Spain and South America: Similar to Wall Ball

Cricket- England

And many more!

- **Fun with Fables**

Students will be able read, analyze, and explore famous fables. On the last day, the students will perform a fable play for an audience of family and friends.

- Folk Tales

Students in this course will enjoy learning about far-off places. They will listen to classic tales from China, India, Scandinavia, Germany, and West Africa. Each tale will be followed by a game, craft, and/or snack native to each particular region of the world.

11:15-1:15

- Scientific Chefs: Science Experiments You Can Eat (students entering grade 3 only)

Our scientific chefs will analyze solutions (syrup, rock candy), carbohydrates and fats (tapioca, cookies, grape jelly, ice cream), proteins (meringues, gelatin), and chemical reactions (lemon fizz, sugar decomposition, fruit salad oxidation). We will answer questions like... Why does popcorn pop? Why do onions make people cry? How do sauces and puddings thicken? Why does a cut apple turn brown? In addition, we will be performing 1-2 food experiments each day and enjoying related recipes. Students will emerge with a delicious assortment of recipes they can share, prepare, and scientifically explain.

- Illustration Explorer

Oftentimes when you read a story, you find that the illustrations are just as amazing as the story itself! During this course, students will be revisiting some Harcourt anthology stories, as well as reading some new stories, that contain interesting illustrations. Our time together will not only be spent looking at the various types of illustrations, but also recreating some favorites using the illustrators' style. Some of the styles include: tissue paper layering, watercolor, and collage. As a final project, students will choose a personal favorite book and recreate a picture using a style practices during the week. If you have a serious interest in reading and art, this is the class for you!

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- Krafty Kids (students entering grade 3 only)

Students can enhance their dexterity, spatial perceptions and appreciation for crafts through simple projects like: quilted photo album - a decoupage box.

- Reading and Exploring Books written by Kevin Henkes

Students will be able read, explore, and do skill building activities using books written by Kevin Henkes.

- Theater Games (students entering grade 3 only)

Students will play Improvisational Comedy games while working on developing theater skills of projection, collaboration, imagination and articulation. Students will also participate in conversations about what makes something funny.

- **Dream Home**

Students taking this course will be exposed to the process of architectural design while focusing on the concepts of perimeter and area. They will be exposed to materials needed in drafting and designing 3-D models. In addition to designing their dream homes, these young architects will create excel formulas that will calculate area and perimeter of each room.

August 10-14

Second and Third Grade

9:00-11:00

- **Web Quests and Virtual Field Trips (students entering grade 3 only)**

To enable students to become "Internet Explorers" with web scavenger hunts and virtual field trips. Students will visit various sites to "collect" certain items and find answers to questions. In web quests and virtual field trips, students visit websites, read information, answer specific questions, and then use their knowledge in new and interesting ways. Web hunts/quests and virtual field trips help students advance technology skills, apply classroom concepts in fun and interesting ways, manage and organize information, and practice research skills.

- **Bridge Building**

How much weight can a bridge made from toothpicks and glue hold? To find out, you'll need to build your own! In this course, students will learn about bridges and test out their architectural skills by building a bridge. They will examine different types of bridges and the relationship between triangles in bridges, before beginning their designs. Following specific guidelines, students will have to draw out a plan to be approved by the instructor. Then, construction begins using toothpicks and glue. The course culminates with an exciting "Bridge Breaking Contest" as students test their bridges to discover how much weight they can hold!

- **Fairy Tale Fun!**

Students will enjoy listening to classic fairytales and then examine modern versions of the same story with a twist, such as Shaq and the Beanstalk and Other Very Tall Tales, and Yo Hungry Wolf! Students will engage in the text by talking back to the characters, inserting themselves in the story, critiquing and controlling the story elements, taking over the story and dramatizing the stories events. This workshop provides a creative approach to building reading comprehension skills and will also develop a literacy appreciation.

- **Technology – Fun with Digital Cameras and Computers***

Computers and cameras go hand in hand in this exciting course. Students will learn how they can express their creative talents with digital cameras and computers. Throughout this course, students will be shown how to respect the equipment, use camera effects, edit pictures, and how to publish in different mediums (slideshows, puppets, etc.). On the last day, students will have the chance to share their finished projects with the class.

*Students must bring their own digital cameras to each class.

- **Aliens! (students entering grade 3 only)**

Students will learn about how science fiction authors have portrayed alien life over the years, study how scientists have looked for outrageous forms of life on Earth to imagine what life would be like in space, explore space missions that have been set out to search for life in space and imagine what contact with extra-terrestrials might entail.

- **Let's All Be Friends!**

This course will help your child learn how to make friends and how to be a good friend. Children will practice solving small friendship problems and what to do if a friend is disrespectful to them. Students will learn how to use "I" messages to solve conflicts and what to do if they get angry with a friend. Students will role-play, write and use art to help them become better problem solvers. Your child will leave this course with a "tool bag" full of strategies to solve social situations with their friends at school.

11:15-1:15

- **Chemistry for Kids (students entering grade 3 only)**

Our student chemists will create a lava lamp without heat and explore color reactions with food coloring, cooking oil, glue, and dishwashing detergent. Students will also create their own glue, develop "plastic milk," polish pennies with lemon juice, observe the amazing abilities of yeast, blow up a balloon with carbon dioxide, and create slime. This course will enable students to observe chemical reactions in fun ways.

- **Cool Cooks (students entering grade 3 only)**

This class will be culturally based with a story to accompany each food. **Example** - Mexican chocolates with an explanation of their tradition and a story, small craft, or music to accompany.

August 17-21

Second and Third Grade

9:00 – 11:00

- **Lights, Digital Cameras and Action with Movie Maker (students entering grade 3 only)**

To educate students on using digital cameras and using their digital images to create a movie with Movie Maker. Students will learn how to shoot pictures, edit and download photos, add music, insert transitions, add title pages, and burn their creation to a DVD. *Students must provide their own digital camera and USB cable. If students have a CD with a particular song they would like to use in their movie, they should bring that as well.

- **Pop Art Shoes**

Students will be taking an old shoe and painting it based upon the pop/op art style. They will be using complimentary colors and acrylic paints.

- **Dinosaur Detectives**

Do you love learning about dinosaurs? This is the class for you! During this course, science, language arts, art and math all come together as students study a variety of dinosaurs and their habitats. Throughout the week, students will get hands-on experiences through a dinosaur dig, creating fossils, and making models of their favorite dinosaurs. They will have the opportunity to create a book of exciting dinosaur facts, write a dinosaur story, and make a dinosaur diagram. At the end of the week, our dinosaur experts will be given the chance to present their favorite dinosaur to the rest of the class!

- **Kids No Bake Cooking Club (students entering grade 2 only)**

Students will be able to measure ingredients to make a variety of foods and learn to be a good host/hostess. Students will be introduced to cooking materials, measurement and nutrition. Students will create everything from appetizers to sweet treats!

11:15-1:15

- **Expression Faces**

Students will be creating faces using model magic. The faces will show a specific emotion or expression. The final face will be painted with tempera paints.

- Amazing Authors**
 Reading and writing join together as students have the chance to learn about some of their favorite authors! During the week, students will be studying a different author and his work each day. They will become researchers as they gather facts about authors including Patricia Polacco, Tomie DePaola, and Job Scieszka. Our time will also be spent by reading and comparing various books by each author. Students will also have the opportunity to practice their reading skills, write mini biographies, and act out some of their favorite parts. If you love reading, this is the class for you!
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- Spanish with the Aztecs, Incas and Mayas**
 Students will practice introductory Spanish skills (colors, numbers, months) while exploring and recreating some of the great achievements of the pre-Columbian cultures. They will assemble a miniature pyramid, create their own Aztec calendar, and marvel at the Incan architecture. They will use English and beginning Spanish to play games from these cultures, as well.
- Science Art**
 Students are invited to discover the links between science and art. Each day will we create artwork based on scientific principles. Students will learn about scientific concepts and apply their learning to a craft project. Some of the projects could be: using gravity with paint, making a working firefly with a simple circuit, learning about air and wind and creating an “air powered pop-up”, studying how adhesives can strengthen sand structures, and exploring chemical changes and making disappearing ink.
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Registration Form – Grade 2 and 3

Please print all information.

Student Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Current School: _____

Current Teacher: _____ Grade Entering In September: _____

Place a checkmark in front of each course your child will be attending.

Check Here	Course Name	Date	Time
	Reader’s Theater Workshop	Aug. 3-7	9–11
	Make Your Own Game	Aug. 3-7	9–11
	Crazy About Computers	Aug. 3-7	9–11
	Daring Debaters	Aug. 3-7	9–11
	World Games	Aug. 3-7	9–11
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	Folk Tales	Aug. 3-7	9-11
	Scientific Chefs	Aug. 3-7	11:15-1:15
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	Dinosaur Detectives	Aug. 17-21	9-11

	Kids No-Bake Cooking Club (2)	Aug. 17-21	9-11
	Expression Faces	Aug. 17-21	11:15-1:15
	Amazing Authors	Aug. 17-21	11:15-1:15
	Kids No-Bake Cooking Club (3)	Aug. 17-21	11:15-1:15
	Spanish with the Aztecs, Incas & Mayas	Aug. 17-21	11:15-1:15
	Science Art	Aug. 17-21	11:15-1:15
	Chemistry for Kids	Aug. 17-21	11:15-1:15

of courses _____ x \$125 each = _____

Make check payable to

Readington Township Board of Education

Registration and Payment are due by May 1, 2009.

Child Information and Emergency Care Permission Form

Please print all information and return with registration and payment.

Student Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone # 1) _____

2) _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone # _____

Special Medical Considerations

(you will be contacted directly before information is shared with course facilitators):

(please include allergies)

Release Authorization: If an emergency illness or injury occurs when I cannot be contacted, I (parent/guardian) hereby authorize the Readington Township Summer Enrichment faculty to obtain medical treatment for my child which may include sending him/her to a nurse, physician or hospital and authorize necessary treatment.

Photo Consent:

_____ I **consent** to have my child's photo, name, and/or achievements published in school newspapers, and/or newsletters, released to local newspapers, and/or posted on the school's web page.

_____ I **do not consent** to have my child's photo, name, and/or achievements published in school newspapers, and/or newsletters, released to local newspapers, and/or posted on the school's web page.

Computer Use Agreement:

_____ My child and I are aware of the Readington Township Schools Acceptable Computer Use Procedures for K-8 and will abide by all rules therein.

_____ My child and I are not familiar with the Readington Township Schools Acceptable Computer Use Procedures.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____