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Summer 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Summer Tapestry! Enclosed please find your summer calendar, and permission slip. Please fill out the permission slip as soon as possible. It can be returned to school with your child, or brought in to Summer Tapestry on the first day. Please note, your child will NOT be allowed to go to Whiteø Pool, or on any of the field trips until the permission slip is signed and turned in.

Please take a minute to look over the calendar and note that Summer Tapestry is being held at **NORTHWEST** School this summer. Children being dropped off for Tapestry or Academy **must** be accompanied inside by a parent or guardian through the front door. This is for your childø safety. There will be a check in so we know your child has arrived and you can let us know any changes in scheduling or pick-up.

Monday will be our all day field trip. Students will be getting on the bus by 9:30 and we will not return to Northwest School until 3:30. If your child is also attending Summer Academy, they will not attend Academy on Monday, but will leave with us at 9:30. If you will be dropping off your child, please make sure they are at the school no later than 9:00.

Children will come into the gym each morning after going with staff to place their things in their homeroom. They may choose to have breakfast, or go outside onto the playground. At 9:00 all children will be called in. Academy students will be picked up and brought to their classes. Full day Tapestry kids will have a morning meeting. After morning meeting, they will be released by group for morning enrichment programs. The groups will rotate through the morning. During the week there will be math, gym, and enrichment groups. Enrichment groups will study different types of animals. Some of the animals we will be studying are tigers, lions, elephants, bears, monkeys, giraffes and many more. Kids will be having fun while they learn about these animals their habitats and what they do each day. The children will use their reading and writing skills, as well as enrichment activities. Art, games, and cooking will be just a few of these enrichment activities that will be added into their day. Two days a week, students will also be offered gym class during their morning rotation. Math games will help maintain and improve math skills in a fun and non-stressful environment.

After our morning rotations, children will go back to their homerooms to wash and get ready for lunch. They will eat their lunches to their homerooms then go outside for recess.

Every Tuesday and Thursday we will be going to Whiteø Pool after lunch. We arrive at the pool about 1:00, and return to the school by 3:30. On Wednesday and Friday we will be working on this yearø theme, øOn Safari.ø

If your child will be picked up early on any specific day, please make sure you let us know so we can make sure they are in the building when you come to get them.



In order to keep the children safe, we also ask that if your child will be absent, please call and let us know. The phone number for the gym is 786-1751. You may call Debby Marchese at 773-1946 ext 345 and leave a message. Messages will be checked everyday, however messages left after 4:00 may not be received until the next day. If you have a need to get a message to us after 4:00, or have been unable to contact us in the gym, please call Diana Pfenning at Central Office 786-1935. There is someone in this office all day.

Children who are parent pick up will only be released to persons on their emergency contact list. If for any reason your child will be going home in a different way than usual, please send in a note, or call us at the school. We **cannot** allow your child to leave with someone because they tell us it's all right. The message **must** come from a parent or guardian. If someone new is picking up your child, please let them know they will be asked for a photo ID.

During Summer Tapestry, we expect children to follow the rules of the school, however, as always with the Tapestry program, students are not allowed in the hallways without a staff member.

Students are also expected to follow bus rules. The bus will pick students up according to the summer bus schedule. The Northwest Tapestry bus will leave Northwest School each day about 3:45. Normal Tapestry hours are 8:00-5:30.

Breakfast and lunch are provided for children every day at no charge. The menu is limited to one selection each day with no alternates. Please check the menu. You may want to send lunch with your child on certain days if they are unhappy with the lunch choice. **Please let us know if your child has any food allergies!** Children staying extended hours will also be given a snack at no charge.

The children will be swimming Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Please make sure they come prepared with a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, t-shirt or anything else they may need. We do not allow children to go to the snack bar. Please do not send your child in with money. We bring snacks to the pool and the lake. Flotation toys are not permitted in the pool or the lakes. There may be times on Wednesdays and Fridays that your child will also have the opportunity for water play. If it is very hot, we have access to sprinklers, hoses etc. It is a good idea to have them bring a bathing suit every day.

Children will also have the opportunity to play outside on the playground **everyday**. We cannot stress enough the importance of **sneakers**. We will most likely spend several days at Georgetti Park. Walking, hiking and running are not safe in sandals, crocks and flip-flops. If your child would like to bring sandals on days we go to the lake or pool, that is fine, but please have them in sneakers **everyday!** If children are not wearing appropriate footwear, they will be excluded from some activities. Please also send your children in shorts and t-shirts. Many students come in the morning in heavy jeans. It is cool in the morning, but quickly warms up by midmorning and the school is not air-conditioned. On chilly mornings, a jacket or sweatshirt would be great! **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME (NOT INITIALS) IS ON ALL THEIR BELONGINGS.**



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arts, and hats are lost or misplaced. If your child's name is on them, we can return them. Surprisingly, children do not seem to recognize their things when held up for inspection. We ask that children do **NOT BRING IN TOYS FROM HOME**. This seems to cause a lot of stress and heartbreak if things are lost or broken. We ask that children do not bring in anything from home, especially I-Pods, cell phones (even broken ones) and video games. If students bring in these items, an adult will take them and return them to the bus monitor at the end of the day. If the item comes again, a call will be made and parents will need to come into the school to collect the items.

Children attending both Summer Tapestry and Summer Academy will be picked up by the Tapestry staff at 11:50 after Academy. They will then join their group for recess, lunch and activities.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, or the Summer Tapestry Program, please don't hesitate to call the numbers above. If you leave a message, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you and you child this summer.

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