

**At Home Learning & On Campus Camp Plan Grades 1-8 August 13, 2020**

Dear Lower School Families,

Thank you once again for your patience and flexibility while we work up to the last minute doing everything we can to have students on campus safely, with County approval and following all County and State guidelines. Summerfield Lower School teachers are excited to announce our plan for the first weeks of the 2020 school year.

In considering this plan, we prioritized being able to meet in person with the children as much as possible, as safely as possible, with the opportunity to assess safety as we go and adapt quickly as needed. As we wait to see if our waiver application for grades 1-6 is approved, we have also been seeking approval to hold in-person camps for the younger grades.

In order to reduce the number of people on campus, grades 5-8 will start the year with at home learning. If approved by the County, grades 1-4 will attend camp with movement, crafts and activities in the mornings from 8:15-12:15. All camp activities will be held outside using social distancing, and detailed safety protocols will be sent to parents before any group of students returns to campus. If we are able to host camp for upper grades at some time we will consider this and announce the week before.

**In brief:** If approved, we will be offering camp to the 1st-4th grades on campus, starting on August 24th, for one week. If we are able, we will extend camp beyond one week. Grades 5-8 will start the year with at home learning on August 19th. If camp is not approved, grades 1-8 will all start with at home learning.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST TWO WEEKS****Wednesday - Friday, Aug 19th-21st**

**1st-4th Grades** - Orientations may be held on campus in groups of 9 students. Your class teacher will inform you of the schedule for this.

**5th-8th Grades** -At home learning starts, with a possible modified/light load, possible group orientations of 9 students on campus or via Zoom, and materials pick-up on campus. Your class teacher will inform you of this schedule for your class.

**Monday - Friday, Aug 24th-28th**

**1st-4th** - Camp on campus for one week, if approved by Public Health and announced by Wed. Aug 19th. If we are not able to get approval by the 19th, Grades 1-4 will start at home learning on the 24th.

**5th-8th** - At home learning to continue until notified otherwise.

**Friday, Aug 28**

If camp has started, we will announce if we can continue or not.

**Grades 1-4 Camp Information:**

Camp would start on campus at 8:15 each day and dismiss at 12:15. Each cohort (class) will be divided into two pods. The class teacher and one specialty teacher will see each pod, switching pods at snack time. At home projects and academic work will be sent home depending on the needs of each class. There would be no online learning for Grades 1-4 during camp time. Camps are optional and non academic. Any student enrolled but not able to attend camp will also receive materials that are sent home. There will be no extra charge for Camp.

**A note about Aftercare:** Aftercare will not be offered during camp time. Aftercare will be a priority when we fully return to campus, but it will not start until we can do so safely and following all guidelines.

After a busy spring and summer getting ready for this we very much look forward to being back in class with our students, in whatever form that may be!

Blessings on our school year!

Warmly,

Lower School Core Group and Lower School Faculty