

# Summer Assignment Announcement



This summer NDA will not be requiring a summer assignment. Although the intention of a summer assignment is to counter “summer slide”, there is conflicting research showing that a summer assignment helps the situation. Therefore, NDA is encouraging students to enjoy their vacation and to play, which will help them to master social skills and teamwork. By not requiring a summer workbook, packet, or specific assignment we hope that the students will start the next school year better refreshed and ready to learn.

We continue to strongly encourage students to read and to engage in summer academic activities such as summer workshops, book clubs, and camps. Reading and discussing academic content in interactive ways is the best way to prevent the “summer slide.”

Check out some amazing summer programs happening at NDA:

## **Arts Academy with Miss Deskin – this just in!!**

### When:

- Session 1: June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Time: TBD
- Session 2/3: August (one or two sessions based on interest) Time: TBD

Contact: Miss Deskin for details and to register, [sdeskin@ndasd.org](mailto:sdeskin@ndasd.org)

About: Activities include Art projects, Music experience, Jewelry design and Performance Endurance training

## Getting Ready for Kindergarten with Mrs. Lindsey

When: 1-hour sessions (scheduled from 9:00-3:00) (sign up for one, two or three sessions)

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$40 per session (one student per session)

Who: Incoming Kindergarten

Contact: Mrs. Lindsey for more information [tlinsdey@ndasd.org](mailto:tlinsdey@ndasd.org)

About: Set your child up for success by giving them a jump start! Our kindergarten teacher will get to know your child while teaching them basic reading, writing and math skills. The goal of these one-on-one sessions is to:

- Help make incoming kindergarteners excited to start school
- Allow teachers to get to know your child so they can create an individualized learning plan for the fall
- Begin teaching students basic skills in reading, writing and math
- Give parents activities to work on during the summer that will ensure for a positive kindergarten experience

### Back-to-School Bootcamp with Mrs. Lindsey and Miss Johnston

When: 12:30-3:30 July 30-August 3

Who: Incoming 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited to attend this learning camp.

Cost: The cost of this camp will be \$250 per student.

\*A minimum of 6 students is required for the camp to run and no more than 20 will be allowed to sign up for each session.

Contact: Mrs. Lindsey ([tlindsey@ndasd.org](mailto:tlindsey@ndasd.org)) or Miss Johnston ([sjohnston@ndasd.org](mailto:sjohnston@ndasd.org)) for more information

About: In this camp, students will work on foundational skills for math, reading, and writing. They will practice previously learned skills and begin preparing for their upcoming grade level. Students will receive instruction from both Mrs. Lindsey and Miss Johnston and will work both independently and collaboratively with their peers. We hope to make student's transition into their new grade level easier with this preparatory camp.

### Writing Camp with Miss Johnston

When: Two one-week sessions will be offered. Each session will be from 8:30am-12.

Session 1: July 30-August 3

Session 2: August 6-August 10

Who: Incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are invited to attend this learning camp.

Cost: The cost of this camp will be \$300 per student.

\*A minimum of 4 students is required for the camp to run and no more than 10 will be allowed to sign up for each session.

Contact: Miss Johnston for more information [sjohnston@ndasd.org](mailto:sjohnston@ndasd.org)

About: In this camp, students will be taken through the stages of the writing process through a writer's workshop model. Students will complete two projects throughout the week. The first project will be a children's book. The second project will be a persuasive letter to a publishing company telling them why they should have their book published. At the end of camp, we will have a publishing party to celebrate their final products that they will be able to take home with them.

### Aim High with Miss Silk

When: Session 1: June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, Session 2: 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Session 3: August 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Who: Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders \*A minimum of 6 students is required

Contact: Miss Silk for more information [asilk@ndasd.org](mailto:asilk@ndasd.org)

### Project Based Learning Camp with Ms. O'Day and Mrs. Bartlett

When: July 30-Aug 3, 9am-12pm

Who: Incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Cost: The cost of the camp will be \$350 per student.

About: This project based learning camp for incoming 6-8th graders will have an emphasis on math and English instruction. There will be more information

Contact: Ms. O'Day ([roday@ndasd.org](mailto:roday@ndasd.org)) and Mrs. Bartlett ([rbartlett@ndasd.org](mailto:rbartlett@ndasd.org)) for more information

**Please contact teachers directly to register for these camps!**

Below are other summer program options in the area:

- John Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Summer Programs  
<https://cty.jhu.edu/summer/index.html>
- Canyon Crest Academy's Engineering and Science Camp  
<https://cchorizon.weebly.com/>
- Summer Learning Camps at Birch Aquarium  
<https://aquarium.ucsd.edu/experiences/programs/summer-camps/>
- Sally Ride Science Junior Academy  
<https://sallyridescience.ucsd.edu/junior-academy/>
- UC San Diego Young Writers Camp  
<http://sdawp.ucsd.edu/programs/young-writers-camp/index.html>

Finally, here are a list of engaging online apps and websites that we welcome students to engage with during the summer months:

Reading and Math Websites:

- Khan Academy  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- Starfall: Teaches students phonemic awareness and phonics skills such as letter names, letter sounds and word families. Provides opportunities for your student to listen to reading and practice his/her reading skills on beginning level books.  
<http://www.starfall.com/>
- Between the Lions: Has songs and video clips that teach students letter names and sounds. Has a variety of books that students can read along with. Great for beginning readers.  
<http://pbskids.org/lions/>
- National Geographic for Kids: Features a variety of articles and videos on nonfiction topics such as animals and the world. Best for intermediate to advanced readers.  
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>
- Clifford Interactive Reading : Read a Clifford book or play games to learn letter names and sounds. Great practice for beginning readers.  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/>

- Story Nory : Students can listen to a variety of stories read out loud.  
<http://www.storynory.com/>
- Highlights for Kids: Students can listen to jokes, stories and poems read out loud.  
<http://www.highlightskids.com/>
- Storyline Online: Students can listen to stories read out loud by celebrities.  
<http://www.storylineonline.net/>
- Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge: Students can log the minutes they read to unlock badges and prizes.  
<https://www.scholastic.com/summer/home/>