

Summeropolis - A City of Learning



Stout Field Elementary is Making it Happen!



WE ARE a community dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of students by creating opportunities for students, parents and families success. We have over 90% free and reduced lunch and a 40% mobility rate.

OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES are wonderful and we love our community. We have 760 students in grades PK – 6th grade. We are about 64% white, 21% Hispanic, 9% Black, and 6% multiracial. About 12% of our students are ELL's and 12% qualify for Special Education Services.

OUR TEACHERS are outstanding and work very hard to create conditions of success for students. They are willing to be innovative and go the extra mile in programing and volunteering for students. Our teachers look for ways to overcome obstacles to sustain students learning through programs like this one.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE For almost 10 years we have been implementing a summer learning program called Summeropolis. This program provides the opportunity for families to come and stay engaged in learning throughout the month of June. Students participate in reading, mathematics and movement activities and earn tickets for their hard work. Students are offered the opportunity to win prizes as an incentive for their work. We provide all students a hotdog and water and coordinate healthy activities in the park as well. We have created a parent component to the program in which we involve them in reading with their children and even provide parents prizes as an incentive as well. The last event students find out what prize they have won, write thank you letters to the donors and celebrate with ice cream together! All of this is run through teacher and community volunteers committed to making a difference in the lives of children. We creatively use school and Title I funds to make this event a success.

OUR STEPS This began as one teacher's vision but has turned into a school-wide community building event. We have an organized and systemic plan and process that a committee of teachers carryout to make the program a success. Each week we have over 25 staff members' volunteer and many bring their families with them! Although the program began in an effort to curb learning loss, the reality is that it is a community building event more than anything else. We have close to 250 students that participate each week with well over 400 involved each week if you include parents.

IN OUR OWN WORDS This program represents an effort to promote and facilitate continuous learning throughout the summer. We believe it provides parents and families the opportunities and resources to make learning a priority even in summer months. It also provides motivation and fun experiences for families that can benefit from "free options" for fun throughout the summer. Teachers have worked to create vertical resources from grades Pre-K – 6th in an effort to maximize the time and efforts of this summer program. This program has become a part of our school culture and identity and all stakeholders play a key role.

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