

## How Do We Get More Information?

There are several ways to contact us:

- Contact Frances Kraft by phone at (708) 772-0704 or email us at [eteamoakpark@gmail.com](mailto:eteamoakpark@gmail.com).
- Complete the form attached to this brochure and return it to your child's school office. We will contact you with additional information on how to enroll your student.

The community partners providing programs and services for the POP Summer Program include the Equity Team (E-Team), Dominican University, the Oak Park Public Library, District 97, and the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry.



# Power of Partnerships

## Summer 2019



July 15 – August 9  
(4 weeks)

Monday-Friday  
9 am – 3 pm

Oak Park Public Library  
(Main Branch)

The POP Summer Program, which brings together the resources of the community to reimagine learning and achievement, is a free program specifically designed to engage students entering grades 2-8 in the fall. Attendance for the full four weeks is required.

## What Is It?

For four weeks this summer, Oak Park elementary and middle-school students can enjoy a new and exciting type of summer school opportunity created to enhance their study and reading skills while preparing them for the academic year ahead. This program connects learning to inquiry, experimentation, and hands-on projects that focus on collaboration and relationship building while supporting basic skill development in literacy and math. Much of the work will explore themes of social justice and empowering all voices.

Learning experiences will provide a variety of small-group interactive opportunities that integrate content across the curriculum with particular emphasis on proven literacy practices that include reading, writing, math, technology, and inquiry/problem solving.

## Who Is It For?

The PoP Summer Program is specifically designed to support, motivate, and engage students who struggled in school this year. Typically, we look at students with MAP scores in the 0-25th percentile, but we rely on parents and teachers to recommend students for the program. When students sign up to participate, the POP team will work with their school's staff to create a learning path for the summer that is connected back to the school they currently attend or will attend in the fall.

## How Will My Child Benefit?

- Students will discover the joy of reading and develop skills, confidence and a love of reading through stimulating daily activities.
- Enrichment activities linked to learning will help students discover their passions and see the connection to education.
- They will practice language, writing, and math skills outlined in a personalized plan and program of instruction.
- They will return to school better prepared for the new year.

## How Does It Work?

- The full-day program divides participating students into two groups. One group begins the day with academics and the other group begins with enrichment activities. After lunch, the groups switch.
- Each day starts with 30 minutes of yoga and mindfulness to prepare students for a day of learning.
- Students work in small groups (no more than six students) and will be guided in individualized instruction by a certified teacher and a pre-service teacher candidate who are supervised by a reading specialist.
- Content emphasizes reading skills and strategies such as comprehension, vocabulary, decoding and fluency. Students will discover the joy of reading as they develop academic skills and gain confidence in themselves as learners and successful students. Daily activities integrate reading with writing, math, problem solving, inquiry and technology. They will practice language, writing, technology, and math skills through a personalized plan of instruction informed by D97 teachers in collaboration with the summer program instructional team.
- A reading specialist will coordinate instruction and assess progress. At the end of the program or early in the fall semester, summer academic and assessment results will be shared with D97 to provide a feedback loop that connects participants. A report also will be provided for parents.
- You only need to provide your child's transportation and lunch, but let us know if either of these is a concern.