



Township of Union Public Schools
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SATURDAY ACADEMY – 2013

Objective – The Saturday Academy will provide students with additional instruction in Math/Science and Language Arts/Social Studies. The Saturday Academy classes will occur immediately prior to the period of the school year (April and May) when students take standardized tests, thus providing a valuable reinforcement of lessons learned through regular classes. All Township of Union Public School students are invited to enroll.

Dates and Times – The Saturday Academy will take place on ten Saturdays: January 19 & 26, February 2, 9, 16 & 23, and March 2, 9, 16, & 23. Classes will take place from 9:00am to 11:05am. Students will take a one-hour class of Math/Science, and a one-hour class of Language Arts/ Social Studies. There will be a 5-minute passing time between the two classes.

Grade Levels – Classes will be held for students in grade levels Kindergarten through grade 9.

Locations – Classes for Kindergarten through grade 4 will take place at the Hannah Caldwell Elementary School. Classes for grade 5 through 9 will take place at the Burnet Middle School.

Faculty – All teachers in the Saturday Academy will be certified to teach by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Administration – Township of Union Public School Superintendent Dr. Patrick Martin will serve as the administrator at Burnet Middle School. An additional administrator, certified by the State of New Jersey, will serve as the administrator for the classes at Hannah Caldwell School.

Nurse – A New Jersey certified school nurse will be available to all students throughout the course of the program.



Special Education – Special Education students are invited to participate in the Saturday Academy. These students will be included in the general education classes of the program. New Jersey State certified Special Education teachers will be employed to serve the individual needs of these pupils.



Dress Code – Saturday Academy students are asked to “dress for success”. Jeans and sneakers are not permitted. Boys are required to wear a collared shirt.

Homework – Homework for both classes will be assigned each week.

Attendance and Behavior – Students are expected to exhibit exemplary attendance and behavior throughout the ten weeks of the program.

Field Trips – Field trips that take place on Saturdays immediately following classes are at times offered to students as an optional part of the Saturday Academy. Dates and times will be announced.



Curriculum

Language Arts/ Social Studies Class

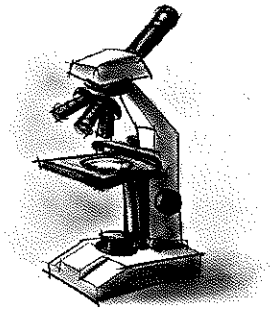
Students will read and discuss multiple pieces of writing (paragraphs, stories, etc.) and at least one additional grade level-appropriate chapter book. Each reading assignment completed at home will be checked by a “dipstick quiz” when the pupils return to class to determine the students’ grasp of the material.

Students will also complete a wide variety of written assignments that will seek to incorporate the pupils’ effective expression of critical thinking along with proper spelling, grammar, punctuation, and handwriting.

When appropriate, students will additionally be asked to practice in class their public speaking ability-discussing the merits and weaknesses of a particular idea.

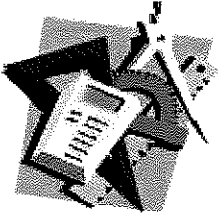
Each week pupils will be asked to consider an important topic in Social Studies. Most often, these grade level-appropriate lessons will come from current news events (international political occurrences,

economic issues). Efforts will be made by faculty to incorporate the pupils' current Language Arts lessons into the expected student responses in the area of Social Studies.



Math/ Science Class

Students will receive action-oriented exercises that will reinforce their quick recall of essential Mathematics facts. They will then be challenged to use those facts to solve problems. Assisting students to then explain (in writing) how they arrived at correct answers will be emphasized by the faculty.



Each week students will be asked to consider an important grade level-appropriate Science topic. Faculty will seek to incorporate the Math the students are currently exploring into the weekly Science lesson. Faculty will also seek to connect their pupils with relevant Science topics mentioned in current event news (for example, environmental issues, health/ nutritional issues).

Cost – The tuition for each child to attend the ten-week Saturday Academy program is \$75. The Township of Union Public School District does not realize any profit from this program. All tuition is used for salaries and supplies.

Scholarships – Efforts will be made to ensure that all interested families and students might attend this program. Confidential requests for scholarship assistance can be made to Dr. Martin, Superintendent of Schools (phone: 908-851-6407).

Want to enroll? Information Sessions will be held for interested parents and students: For grades K through 4, at Hannah Caldwell School Auditorium on January 7 at 6:30pm. For grades 5 through 9, at Burnet Middle School Auditorium on January 9 at 6:30pm. Bring \$75 cash/check for an opportunity to enroll on the spot. Seats in all classes will be on a first come, first served basis.

2013 Saturday Academy Enrollment Form

(Please Print Very Clearly)

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ Gender: Male / Female _____

Parent Name: (Please Print) _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Additional Phone1: _____

Additional Phone2: _____

Email: _____

(Kindly attach \$75 cash/check tuition to this form)
(Please make check payable to Township of Union Board of Education)