



SummerScience Camp 2022!

SummerScience, an annual tradition at St. Matthew's, is a lot of fun and a great conclusion to the school year. It is also a wonderful door to the opportunities nature affords us in summer and a chance to delve deeper into investigations of interest during the regular school year. **This year's SummerScience program will run each weekday beginning Wednesday, June 1st through Friday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** We will explore the world around us with particular focus on tinkering with tales, exploring the natural world, along with art, cooking, and song.

Along with this information is an application for this year's SummerScience program. To ensure fair distribution of openings, we number the forms as they are received in the office and use that order as a factor if we have more applications than we can accommodate. (Children who can't be accepted initially will go on a waiting list.) The cost is \$250. **Please submit your child's application and payment by Friday, April 22nd.**

What does a day at SummerScience look like?

Each camper is assigned to a group that meets in their "base camp" with their primary teacher or teachers for the following parts of the day: beginning **morning assembly**, the daily **walk-about** (an outdoor "field study" designed to use the process skills of science to learn more about the natural world in our suburban community) as well as **playground time**, **story time or cooking**, and **lunch/recall time**. The longest part of the day, **center time**, brings new and familiar friends together to work both collaboratively and independently. Children have the opportunity to choose to work in many different learning centers including one that contains materials to support tinkering and STEM based learning. There will also be some surprises to experience and investigate!

We make every effort to assign children to their current lead or assistant teacher, although not all teachers participate in SummerScience as group leaders. In any case, the daily routine, already familiar to the children, enables us to take off running! **You'll send in a snack and drink each day.** At the end of the day, we'll gather for our closing ceremony to sing and dance along with Mrs. Lundgren.

Please note: We want SummerScience to be a positive experience, not a confusing one. SummerScience requires a bit more independence than in the regular classroom. Children need to reliably stay with their class—particularly outdoors on walkabouts—and stay with the group despite distractions. If your child has struggled this year with attending school happily or exercising independence and self-regulation within classroom limits, it may be a good option to allow them another year to mature before adding SummerScience. If your child is in a two-day class or one of the younger three-day classes, we'll check with this year's teacher to be sure she thinks they will operate well in the SummerScience environment.

Please email dfeielin@stmatthewsva.org with any questions. **We'll send home news of your child's acceptance or deferral to the waiting list the first week of May along with further details.** We're really excited to see what new understandings this year's explorations and investigations will bring!

St. Matthew's Day School SummerScience 2022 Registration

Please complete and return with \$250 payment by Friday, April 22

Child's Name _____ Current Teacher _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Mom's name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Dad's name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Emergency contact persons to be called in an emergency if parents cannot be reached. (This should be someone who will know your whereabouts and/or can pick up your child if he/she becomes ill at school.)

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Doctor's name _____ Phone _____

Child care provider if applicable _____ Phone _____

Known allergies _____

Carpool members (if applicable):

Siblings attending (if applicable):

_____ I give permission for my child to be included in photos that may be sent via email and/or a private photo sharing site

_____ I do NOT give permission for my child to be included in photos that may be sent via email and/or a private photo sharing site

* * * * * In case of an emergency and in the event that a parent cannot be reached, the school has my permission to call the doctor or proceed with other necessary precautions.

Parent's signature _____ Date: _____