

First Grade Project at Summer Academy 2009

Successful first grade project students:

- enjoy intense study / challenge
- become active participants, willing to try new things
- possess the desire and drive to start and complete creative projects
- see connections between ideas, ask questions
- are willing and able to communicate and work with others
- explore ideas in depth
- are responsible for their own behavior

In an effort to offer multiple choices to student completing first grade, this year we will offer multiple patterns and impressions strands. The overall premise of guided discovery, depth, and complexity are threaded through each strand, but the means in which students discover will vary. All strands will include some form of writing, advanced reading, math, science, and creative arts applications, but the content-focused strands will be spending most of their time working within their content area.

Please join us for a Patterns and Impressions strand this year. It is an opportunity to learn beside other students like you.

Strand Descriptions:

A Variety of Patterns and Impressions: Students will observe, create, and learn from patterns and connections while exploring language, art, movement, math, color, animals, environments, quilting and weaving.

Patterns and Impressions in Math & Science: Students will explore patterns through numbers, tangrams, puzzles, insects, animals, rocks and minerals.

Patterns and Impressions in Language Arts: Using stories, books, and writing, this class will observe and create patterns. They'll study a variety of kinds of writing including poetry, tall tales, creative writing, riddles, bookmaking and more.

Patterns and Impressions in Fine Arts: Students will experience and create patterns in movement, music, and art through exploration of sound, pitch, emotion, light, color, instrument families, and the work of famous artists.