

Dear Families,

Sudbury Public Schools is proud to be heading into our fourth year of the **SMILE & EXPLORE Program**, designed for students currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Your child's teacher has reviewed recent Literacy and/or Math assessment data and considered the supports that enable your child to make effective progress in their current classroom. We believe that additional exposure to important literacy and numeracy skills will benefit your child's growth.

SMILE	EXPLORE
A free program designed to target numeracy and literacy skills in a socially rich classroom setting. With small class sizes, students will receive targeted and engaging instruction while connecting with peers.	A tuition-based program designed to engage students in active and enriching social experiences, primarily focused on Physical Education, The Arts and Science and Engineering. Tuition is \$900 for half-day sessions for 4 weeks.

SMILE & EXPLORE will run from July 8 - August 2, 2024, Mondays - Fridays at the Peter Noyes Elementary School.

Please note that we expect participating families to commit to all four weeks.

Please complete <u>this form</u> to indicate your interest in participating by Friday, February 16th.

URL: https://forms.gle/gm59foYzs6QmwAHU6 (also available on SPS Website)

A virtual Parent Information Night will be held on Wednesday, May 17th from 6:00 - 7:00.

During this time we will highlight many important details about the SMILE & EXPLORE Program.

SMILE Program for K-2 Students

Participate in a half day academic experience focused on *both* Literacy and Math. Sessions run 8:30-11:30 and 12:00-3:00. Optional participation in EXPLORE Program, running on the opposite half of the day. For students participating in both SMILE and EXPLORE, a lunch will be provided between sessions.

SMILE Program for 3-5 Students

Participate in half day Literacy <u>and/or</u> Math sessions, based on teacher recommendations. Students recommended for both content areas will be invited for a full day of learning. Students participating in one academic session may enroll in the EXPLORE Program. For students participating in full day programming, a lunch will be provided.

Nursing Care

A full-time nurse will be available to support students for the duration of the program. Enrolled students will receive a request for additional information, including opportunities to share important medical details.

ELD & Translation Services

The SMILE Program will include an educator from our English Language Department, who will work to facilitate continued ELD services for qualifying students. Translation services are available to families, as well.

Transportation

Bus transportation will be available, accessible for student pick up and drop off the following hubs:

- All elementary schools
- Longfellow Glen
- Boston

Scholarships

Families who qualify for financial aid may have the tuition for EXPLORE reduced or waived. If your family requires this assistance, please contact smile@sudbury.k12.ma.us.

Pre-Registrations will be processed in the next few weeks. In the event enrollment exceeds capacity, we will utilize available data and teacher recommendations to prioritize students based on need. You can expect to hear from us regarding your child's enrollment at the following times:

- <u>March 31-April 7</u>: We will share your child's enrollment status, including which portion(s) of the day will center around academic instruction.
- May 17, 2023 6:00-7:00: A virtual parent information session will be held.
- <u>June</u>: We will be in touch to gather information about your child, which will be made available to their SMILE teacher.

Please contact us at smile@sudbury.k12.ma.us with any questions. We look forward to an engaging and wonderful summer!

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