**Glenwood Academy’s 2015**

**Summer Enrichment Program**

With a 6:1 student to teacher ratio, the Summer Enrichment Program is individually focused, theme based, and designed to develop student vocabulary skills while promoting experiential hands on learning opportunities. Daily computer learning is an integral part of Summer Enrichment. The Math Facts in a Flash program is used to improve math skills and math facts acquisition. Reading Horizons computer lessons provide skill development in reading and phonics. The students also use Brainwave Safari, a software program that addresses several cognitive processing skills including working memory, auditory and visual memory, and attention. While Brainwave Safari is an academic diagnostic tool, it is structured like a video game to appeal to students and ensure they are fully engaged in its program so it can accurately assess student knowledge.

By combining in class learning with an offsite component (such as field trips to DuPage Children's Museum, Fair Oaks Dairy Farm, and Bourbonnais Exploration Station), students find the fun side of education, allowing it to impact even the most reluctant learners. Other experiential learning activities include a reader's theatre, theme based arts and crafts, and a professional storyteller whose two hour program was one of the highest reviewed programs by last year's participants.

In Glenwood's Summer Enrichment Program, all participating students are pretested on the first day of class and post tested at the conclusion of the program. The program staff expects each student will increase in their knowledge, skills, and comprehension within his or her grade level, and that at least 25% of students will gain one grade level. Additionally, the programs used within the Summer Enrichment Program have built in assessments that build the individualized learning for each student. The programs also contain the post-testing which determines the level of gain for each individual student.

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This year’s Summer Enrichment theme will be USA. This theme based program will provide students an opportunity to sustain and improve academic skills in the areas of reading, language, math and cognitive processing skills. Students will be grouped by instructional level as determined by standardized testing and teacher recommendations. Students will participate in both pre and post evaluative measures to track progress.

This year’s theme is designed to help students grow both academic skills and background knowledge related to their country. Students will read varied books and materials focusing on USA geography, historical figures, important facts, and vocabulary. They will work on hands on math activities designed to improve math computation, applications and concepts. Students will also work on written expression with a focus on sentence and paragraph writing and application of grammar skills. In addition, students will write and read poetry related to the theme.

Cognitive processing skills will also be addressed in the Summer Enrichment Program. Students will use BrainWare Safari daily to enhance working memory and executive functioning skills. In addition to the BrainWare Safari program, students will also utilize the Skate Kids computer reading program. This neuroscience based program focuses on both cognitive processing and reading skills. Both computer programs were designed with a motivating video game format that students find fun and engaging.

Students will also take field trips relating to this year’s theme. They will perform Reader’s Theatre Activities, and listen to a professional story teller. Arts and crafts activities, and educational games will also be incorporated.