



Brain Games

Who says summer fun can't be educational too?

NEW! Crushing the College Essay \$250

In this week-long seminar, high school students will receive hands-on training in how to write a well-crafted college admissions essay. The course will concentrate on the Common Application essay prompts and the additional information section. However, students are encouraged to bring in supplemental questions or individual college essay questions. This course will prepare students to describe themselves in 250-650 words or less, talk about their dreams without using clichés and set their writing apart from the other 800,000 common application essays (2015-16)! Mrs. Walter will help students find their voice and give them the confidence to use it, and ultimately provide guidance on structure and editing. Strategies for constructing a personal profile and translating it into a specific and engaging essay will be discussed. **Essays will not be written for students; each and every word will be the student's own.** By the end of the week, students will have written and "work-shopped" a draft of their common application question, a major step in preparing for the application process.

Instructor: Kathleen Walter, GRHS social studies teacher; MA History; certificated at Harvard University's Reading, Writing and Civic Education Workshop; Glen Rock Schools Teacher of the Year
July 10-14, 9-10:30 a.m. Glen Rock High School

Math Enrichment \$225

For students entering Grades 6-7

This course introduces students to middle school math (Math 6 and Pre-Algebra) and helps to provide a smooth transition. This is a good way to get a math "tune-up" for September's challenges!

Session 1: July 10-13 and July 17-19, 1:30-2:45 p.m., Glen Rock High School

Session 2: July 24-27 and July 31, Aug. 1-2, 3-4:15 p.m., Glen Rock High School

Math Enrichment \$225

For students entering Grades 8-9

Start school in September with confidence after this preview of Algebra or Geometry concepts. PARCC problems and PSAT warm-up will also be covered.

Session 1: July 10-13 and July 17-19, 3-4:15 p.m., Glen Rock High School

Session 2: July 24-27 and July 31, Aug. 1-2, 1:30-2:45 p.m., Glen Rock High School

All sessions taught in small group classes by Theresa O'Malley, BA in Mathematics, MA Teaching Children Mathematics, 21-year math teacher at GRMS. E-mail omalleyt@glenrocknj.org for more information.

Middle School Success \$ 99

For students entering Grade 6

The transition from elementary to middle school can be a daunting one. Students need to adjust to a new building, multiple teachers and the "dreaded" cafeteria and lockers. During their fifth grade year, students will experience a variety of activities designed to ease the transition from elementary to middle school. As September approaches, some students may feel the need for a refresher in a small group setting. This course offers a review of topics including locker organization, binder management, helpful homework tips and time management - reinforcing great strategies that will last a lifetime.

Instructor: Anthony Cece, GRMS teacher since 2001 with significant experience in learning strategies and study skills.

August 7-11, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Glen Rock Middle School

Reader's Clubhouse \$180

For students entering Grades 1-2 and 3-5

The Summer Reader's Clubhouse provides young readers with the opportunity to become totally immersed in several reading selections over the two-week period of camp. The selections are chosen for appropriateness to grade level, and also for the opportunities they present for exciting and engaging individual and small group activities. Based on the students' talents and interests, clubhouse members will learn the elements of literature through discussion, creative writing exercises, stimulating art projects and even an opportunity to "eat their words" through fun and unique edible projects! Students at all reading levels will enjoy this opportunity to share their love of reading and writing with their peers. A materials fee of \$20 will be payable to the instructor at the first class.

Led by Glen Rock language arts teacher Lisa Limongelli, MS in Education; with over 21 years teaching experience.

Session 1: Grades 1-2, July 10-14 and July 17-21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Session 2: Grades 3-5, July 10-14 and July 17-21, 1-3 p.m.*This session can be combined with our STEM camp for a full-day schedule.

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Rock Solid: Reading Foundations for Struggling Readers **\$225**

For students entering grades 1-2

This program provides support for children who need assistance with vocabulary, decoding, high frequency words, fluency, and comprehension. It is led by Cristina Ameika and Chrisanne Moger, Glen Rock teachers certified in Elementary Education and Special Education. They will provide engaging phonics-based classroom instruction focused on specific reading levels. Lessons and activities will be customized to meet the needs of the students. Each student will receive a folder of materials to reinforce the skills addressed during their session.

This is a limited enrollment program, taught in small groups. *Early registration is highly recommended.*

Grades 1-2, session 1: 8-9 a.m.

Grades 1-2, session 2: 9-10 a.m.

July 31-Aug. 11, Hamilton Elementary School

STEM Camp (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

For students entering grades 1-6

After 20 years of providing stimulating math/science activities for children, we've taken our campers to the next level through the infusion of technology and engineering to make it a true STEM experience! Located in the state-of-the-art learning environment of the GRHS STEM Wing, certified teachers will lead the campers through an enrichment program via "real-world" problem solving, traditional and non-traditional activities, journal writing, related literature, hands-on investigations, experiments and our makerspaces. Each session includes a field trip to the Glen Rock Arboretum for all campers. Questions can be directed to Camp Director Heather McDermott at mcdermoth@glenrocknj.org.

The program for students in Grades 3 to 6 includes a full-day field trip (on the 2nd Thursday) to the Environmental Center of the Meadowlands, where they'll apply their camp experiences in an interactive exploration.

Students should bring lunch to camp each day. Class size is limited and early enrollment is encouraged. Curriculum is grade specific, so returning campers will have a brand new experience!

For students entering grades 1-2

\$320

Session 1: July 10-14, then July 17-20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Session 2: July 24-28, then July 31-Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Glen Rock High School STEM Wing

For students entering grades 3-6

\$390

Session 1: July 10-14, then July 17-19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Field Trip on July 20, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Session 2: July 24-28, then July 31-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Field Trip on Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Study Skills Essentials

\$125

For students entering grades 5-8

Successful middle school students require a strong foundation in executive functioning skills. Study Skills Essentials provides students with the necessary tools that are imperative for success in middle school and beyond. Topics include organizational skills, time management, test taking skills, following directions and long-term planning. In addition to acquiring these essential skills, students will learn valuable tips to maintain them throughout their educational careers.

Instructor: Anthony Cece, GRMS teacher since 2001 with significant experience in learning strategies and study skills.

August 7-11, 10:45 a.m. - noon Glen Rock Middle School

Young Authors

\$180

For students entering grades 3-5

Keep writing skills sharp this summer while working alongside other young authors. Whether you're passionate about writing, or simply want to improve your skills before September comes, you'll compose, revise and publish your own work while exploring various techniques and strategies to create narrative writing pieces.

Led by Carolyn Helmig, a third grade teacher in Glen Rock; certified in Elementary Education and Middle School Language Arts Literacy.

July 24-28 and July 31 – Aug. 4, 1-3 p.m., Can be combined with our STEM camp for a full-day schedule.

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Registration begins March 6 at www.grcsonline.com or call 201-389-5011