

Rocket Summer Learning Program

2014 Brochure



A Miami University-Talawanda School District Partnership

Improve Your Child's Chances for Success

The Rocket Summer Learning Program has been serving students in the Talawanda School District for eight years and providing them and their families with a unique and very positive summer learning experience that will help them achieve better and find greater success in language arts, reading, and even math! Our intensive 4-week program gives struggling learners the personal attention they need to improve their academic skills, gain confidence, and improve their own self-esteem. The 2014 Rocket Summer Learning Program will be held from June 9th through July 3rd, Monday through Thursday, from 8:20-11:45. That means that your student will be done before lunch and will have Fridays free for this period of the summer! We think this schedule makes for a great summer balance that allows students to get critical skills for school success while at the same time not having to attend a program that takes up all of their time!

How it Works

Your student will be assigned a specifically trained tutor who will:

- Assess your student's academic performance to determine their unique profile of strengths and weaknesses
- Design an individualized remediation plan based on the assessment results for one-to-one work
- Use evidence-based interventions which include daily learning activities to improve their class performance
- Use Google Chromebooks for using computer interventions to improve reading fluency, reading comprehension, and math skills.
- Provide a summary report for parents and the school based on pre-post assessment results as well as a consideration of each student's specific strengths, summer attainments, weaknesses, and areas yet to be worked upon so that teachers can be even more ready to serve them in the Fall when they start in their next grade level.

"My son has struggled his entire life with reading, but the summer reading program gave him the confidence and skills to succeed, resulting in the best academic year he has ever had."

Parent of a clinic participant

The Rocket Summer Learning Program is a four-week research-based academic and fun program, operating Monday through Thursday, June 9th through July 3rd, from 8:20-11:30 a.m. at Kramer Elementary School. It is organized and supervised by Dr. Michael Woodin who is the Director of the School Psychology program at Miami University as well as a former teacher and school administrator. Under Talawanda School District and University supervision, the Rocket Program is staffed by specially trained tutors including Miami University Graduate Students in School Psychology and Senior Undergraduate students in Special Education. For more information, please contact either Dr. Woodin directly at 529-6635, Ms. Joan Stidham, the Talawanda Schools Director of Curriculum at 273-3111, or your child's elementary school principal whether it is Mr. Hinton at Marshall Elementary (273-3504), Mrs. Woodin at Bogan Elementary (273-3404), or Mr. Merz at Kramer Elementary (273-3603). Thank you!

Who Can Participate

Any Talawanda student struggling with academics who is recommended by a classroom teacher, district personnel, or a member of the administrative staff

Cost

For the eight years we've been serving the Talawanda School District, we have never charged any fees, just an expressed commitment from parents to bring their students to the program, which this year will be held at Kramer Elementary School. Please forward your applications today as space is limited. Thank you!