



Invest for Kids Summer Program

The purpose of the Invest for Kids Summer Program is to minimize summer learning loss and to improve reading, writing, math and science skills. Research shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer vacation. On average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade-level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months. Low-income children and youth experience greater summer learning losses than their higher income peers. Low-income students experience an average summer learning loss in reading achievement of over two months.

The program runs Tuesday, July 6th-Friday, July 30th and serves 68 Horizons for Youth students from 1st through 8th grade. Students participate in math, reading, language arts, and science classes for a total of over 5 hours of instructional time per day. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to participate in enrichment activities such as yoga, art, and sports from 3-4pm. Small class sizes of 7-13 allow for maximum participation and individualized attention. Highly qualified and experienced certified teachers from around the city of Chicago have been hired to teach the Horizons for Youth students. They bring with them enthusiasm and a talent for engaging students during the summer months.

Horizons for Youth would like to thank Invest for Kids, which has provided funding for the Invest for Kids Summer Program for the next two years. With this generous support, the Horizons for Youth students are another step closer to reaching their full potential!