



Dear Parent,

The SAY Detroit Play Center (SDPC) Summer Program will provide engaging, thoughtful, enriching, and dynamic academic, artistic, physical education and social engagement. We will provide a light breakfast, a full lunch and a snack. Our staff will be trained, loving, and engaged. Our facility is fantastic: a full size court donated by the Detroit Pistons, a softball and baseball field donated by the Detroit Tigers, a full size football field donated by the Detroit Lions' quarterback, Matthew Stafford, a professional music studio provided by the national organization Notes4Notes, a dance studio, an art studio and a spacious learning area. Much of your child's time will be spent in a 12 to 1, student to camp counselor ratio. **Our program will run from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., for six weeks, July 6 through August 13, Mondays-Thursdays,** allowing most working parents a full day's childcare for much of the summer in a beautiful setting. Due to COVID-19 we must practice safety protocols in our attempt to help prevent the spread of virus. One such requirement is that we will have a mandatory **staggered start** and **staggered end** of the day. Thus, students will be assigned start times between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m., in 15 minute increments (7:45 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 8:15 a.m.). Latchkey will occur from your child's start time and go until 8:30 a.m. If you do not need latchkey your child must arrive no later than 8:25 a.m.

The SAY Detroit Play Center, thanks to funding from the SAY Detroit organization, is happy to announce that we can provide this program **free of charge** (costs of similar programs are as high as \$3,500 per child). However, since spots are limited, we are asking for the following commitments:

- Students must be **engaged participants** in all activities.
- Students must exhibit **excellent citizenship**. This includes all participants being respectful to all young people in the program, all adults and interns, and to themselves.
- Students must **adhere to all safety protocols** throughout the summer. This includes:
 - respecting physical distancing of 6 feet or more at all times
 - Wearing their mask over their nose and mouth when indoors at all times, except when eating or drinking.
 - Sneezing and coughing into their elbow, tissue or paper towel.
 - Washing and sanitizing their hands when requested to do so and when they know they have touched their eyes, mouth, or nose.
 - Listening and following all safety protocol directions when inside and outside of the Center during camp hours.
- Students will **report** each day to the summer program **no later than 8:25 a.m.** *A student who is tardy more than three times may be dismissed from the program.* If a child wants breakfast, they must arrive at the Center between 8:30 a.m. and 8:40 a.m.
- **Students must attend a minimum of 20 days out of the 23 days of summer programming** (unless they bring a note for a death in the family or serious illness). *However, students may miss up to 4 consecutive days for family activities/vacation with written notification to SDPC at least 3 days in advance.*



- Parents must report if they, a family, member or their child attending SDPC camp has COVID19 symptoms or seems unwell (the symptoms as related to children continues to be learned, so notification of any symptoms of illness could be important).
- Because we are limiting non-staff contact, parents must do pick-up and drop-off outside of the Center. This will require that parents arrive early for both drop off and pick up so that students do not end up waiting in groups unintentionally.

This is a challenging time for most of us. We are all learning as this COVID-19 pandemic develops and progresses. We are asking all parents to be patient and work with us in good faith. Our goal is to support our families by providing free child care, but it is even more important that our care be as safe as possible. We may have to make adjustments as the summer progresses as we monitor pandemic developments and as health and government officials provide updates and directives. We will use the best scientific information that we can find to inform our decision making. Thank you for your patience!

If your child joins SDPC for the summer program you are agreeing to support a loving, safe, and active community where students are expected to build their academic, social, creative, and athletic abilities. In so doing we thank you for helping to create a stronger, safer, smarter community for all of us.

Thank you,
The SAY Detroit Play Center Staff