

Elementary Summer 2025

Summer 2025 will run in week-long sessions, with a new theme each week. Summer sign-ups will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until maximum capacity is reached.

Dates	Weekly Themes
June 2 – June 6	No Camp, Latchkey Only
June 9 – June 13 June 16 – June 20	Theatre
June 23 – June 27	Bridges
July 30 – July 2	No Camp, Latchkey Only
July 3 & 4	CLOSED
July 7 – July 11	Art
July 14 – July 18	Robots & Programming
July 21 – July 25	Puppets
July 28 – August 1	Solve a Mystery
August 4 – August 8	Science Experiments
August 11 – August 15	Green Thumbs
August 18 – August 22	No Camp, Latchkey Only
August 25 – August 29	CLOSED

Summer Camp Schedule

Morning Session:

8:05 AM – door opens

8:15 AM – camp begins, door closes

11:30 AM – lunch & recess

Afternoon Session:

12:30 PM – afternoon session begins

2:45 PM – camp ends

Camps will be led by one of our lead or specialist teachers during the morning portion. The afternoon portion will be a structured group activity, such as crafts, games, etc., and will be led by the assistants.

There will not be summer camp but Latchkey will be available the week of June 2nd and the week of August 18th, as well as June 30th - July 2nd. MRA will be CLOSED July 3rd & 4th as well as August 26th - 30th for staff development, training, and orientation.



Summer Camp Weekly Themes

Theatre

Join in on this student-led theater production, that takes students from tryouts to production in just two weeks. Students will explore many aspects of theater as they get ready for their big show.

Bridges

If you like building, or simply like a good challenge, this is for you! We will explore how trusses and other structural components help a structure withstand the forces that act upon it.

Art

The study of the line will be the basis for our artwork this week. Students will work through sketching basics and build their own skills to improve their own abilities. At the end of the week, you'll be able to check out our art gallery!

Robots and Programming

Direct and control robots and computers with your instructions! Learn about circuits and electronics, how to talk to computers, design your own programs, and teach your robot to sing.

Puppets

Time for a puppet show! Over a week we will create our own characters, make them into puppets, and write, perform, and record a puppet show.

Solve a Mystery

There's been a murder! Time to be Nancy Drew or Sherlock Holmes and solve a crime. Practice your problem solving, learn fingerprinting and forensic science, and solve a mysterious murder...

Science Experiments

Design your own experiment! We will observe, question, and research to design our own experiment. We will practice problem solving, learn how to use scientific equipment, and create our own poster for presenting our findings.

Green Thumbs

Incorporating hands-on work outside and research work inside, we will learn about native MN plants/pollinators, trees & shrubs, perennials, annuals, houseplants, and a special day focused on daylilies using Mr. James' expert knowledge as he serves on the board of directors for the daylily society of MN, hybridizes his own seedlings, and maintains a collection of approx. 200 registered cultivars.

Please note: if a minimum capacity is not reached, the camp theme will be cancelled, and it will become a Latchkey week.

Water Day

Due to the unpredictability of Minnesota weather, Water Day will be determined based on the conditions outside. Because of this, Water Day gear needs to be brought at the beginning of every week and left at school. We will place a sign in the hallway by the computer when your child's water gear needs to be taken home. Please bring it back the next day, so that we can possibly have more than one water day each week. Your child should come to school in regular clothing. Please do not send them in swimwear.

We are excited to continue going to the Anoka Aquatic Center this summer! The students entering grades 2 & up will go to the Aquatic Center weekly for Water Day. Students entering 1st grade will stay at MRA for water day.



Aquatic Center Water Day: for students entering grade 2 or above

The children will change into their swimsuits prior to leaving MRA. If the locker rooms are available, the children will change out of their swimsuits at the Aquatic Center. If not, they will walk back to MRA before changing out of their swimsuits.

For your child to attend, they will need...

- A season pass: This is the best option if your child will be in attendance consistently throughout the summer. We recommend that the keychain version of the pass is given to the office to be kept there for the summer. If your child is only attending a few weeks throughout the summer, you can provide them with cash on the day to purchase a daily pass. Please check out the Anoka Aquatic Center's website for more information.
- ALL of the necessary water gear: swimsuit, towel, sunscreen (non-aerosol), outside shoes, swimsuit cover up/clothes, reusable bag (to carry all of their items)

If your child forgets their gear, they will still accompany the rest of the class to the Aquatic Center but will not be allowed in the pool. **If your child forgets your Aquatic Pass**, MRA will buy a daily pass for your child and charge your account.

MRA Water Day: for students entering 1st grade

The children will change into their swimsuits in the student bathrooms. They will join the Children's House group that does not nap for their water day.

For your child to participate, they will need...

- Reusable bag for all their gear (labeled)
- Swimsuit (labeled)
- Towel (labeled)
- Closed-toe water shoes (labeled)
- Sunscreen (lotion or deodorant style only, NO AEROSOL SUNSCREEN) (labeled)

If your child forgets their gear, they will not be able to participate in Water Day, but will be able to play on the playground.

Camp Cost

The cost for each week of camp is \$300 and includes materials unless specified otherwise. There will be a \$10/week sibling discount on every child after the first if you have multiple children attending the same week.

MRA requires a credit card or debit card/bank account on file. This card will be charged on the first business day of the month, unless payment is received prior.

A two-week minimum notice is required for any schedule changes. You will be charged 50% for any cancellations if 2 weeks' notice is given. If less than a 2 week notice is given, there will be no refund.

Summer invoices will go out the 4th week of the preceding month. Your account on file will be charged on the first business day of the month.



Latchkey Cost

Before & After Care: 7:00 AM-8:05 AM & 2:45 PM-5:30 PM \$50/week
On Latchkey Only weeks, care will be available for \$60 per day, 8:05am-2:45pm.
Before & After care rates still apply on Latchkey only weeks.

Non-MRA Students

Non-MRA students, such as siblings, are welcome to attend our summer program. An application and application fee of \$100 will be required to enroll for the summer. Our standard student paperwork packet will also be required prior to the child's first day with us. This includes but is not limited to emergency contact information, health care summary, and immunizations.

Elementary Summer Checklist

Please LABEL all your child's belongings with their first and last name.

Footwear – all must be closed-toe

- Slippers/inside shoes
- Gym shoes
- Outside shoes

Extra clothes (labeled)

- Underwear
- Shorts/pants
- T-shirt
- Socks
- Sweatshirt

Water Bottle (must be taken home each week to be washed)

Sunscreen to be left at MRA (NO AEROSOL SUNSCREEN)

Water Day gear

- Swimsuit (labeled)
- Towel (labeled)
- Reusable bag for wet gear (labeled)
- Sunscreen (NO AEROSOL SUNSCREEN)

Outside gear - optional

- Hat
- Sunglasses

