



Norfolk Public Schools

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Camp Einstein 2025

A Summer Enrichment Camp for the Highly Motivated Learner



Location: Tanners Creek Elementary School

1335 Longdale Dr, Norfolk, VA 23513

Serving **current** grades K – 4

June 9, 2025 – July 2, 2025

Monday – Thursday (except June 19th)

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Registration: March 28 – classes are filled

Tuition is FREE for NPS students.

Program Requirements

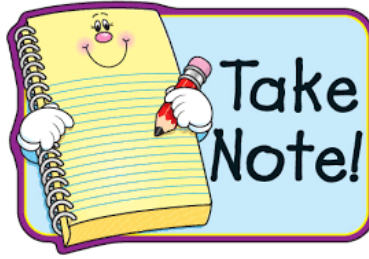
Camp Einstein is one of a variety of services offered to the students currently enrolled in Norfolk Public Schools. While many of the students who attend Camp Einstein have been identified as gifted, this program uses enrichment to reach a broader population by serving students who are working on or above grade level during the school year. Participation in Camp Einstein does not identify students for gifted education services.

- *Work has been on or above grade level (Quarters 1-3 on report card must average As, Bs, or Cs. Kindergarten equivalent: academics: P, M, social skills and work habits: S, V or O)*
- *Is free from repeated discipline problems (referrals, suspensions, behavior charts, etc.)*
- *Is able to transition between three classroom bells per day*
- *Functions well in a variety of classroom and social settings*
- *Is highly motivated and socially well-adjusted (can work independently and in small groups)*
- *Currently enrolled in grades k-4 in Norfolk Public Schools*
- *Committed to attend all 4 weeks of camp*



PLEASE READ!

General Information



1. **Tuition for the program is free for students attending Norfolk Public Schools.**
2. The student must meet the academic **and** behavioral requirements to be accepted into the program. The program director, Ms. Lane, will contact the teacher and/or principal for approval.
3. Grade level for Camp Einstein is determined by the 2024-2025 school year placement; for example, a student currently in grade 2 must register for Grade 2 summer courses.
4. Registration for Camp Einstein can be found **online** on the NPS Website **ONLY**. (<https://www.npsk12.com> search “summer programs 2025”).
Paper registrations from previous years will not be accepted.
5. Once the registration form is submitted, program requirements will be checked, and approvals obtained. **Then** the registration is complete. The Program Director will email an enrollment confirmation when registration closes (approx. beginning of May). All parents will be included in a parent email group. **All further communication about camp will be via email.**
6. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. We have a limited number of spots. Registration closes when classes are full.
7. **On May 15th a Parent Information Night will be held via zoom.** A link will be sent the day before the meeting. During the week of May 26th, information regarding program logistics will be mailed to the parents of registered students.
8. Appropriate self-discipline is expected from all Camp Einstein participants. **If a student is removed due to misconduct, he/she will not be allowed to attend the following year.**
9. Questions about the program? Contact the GEARS office, 852-4674 option 4 or email the Program Director, Jennifer Lane at jlane@nps.k12.va.us

Daily Schedule*

Arrival & Breakfast: 9:30 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

Bell 1: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

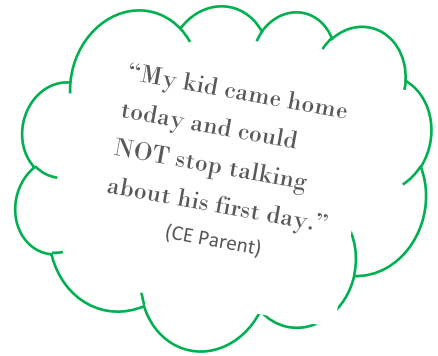
Bell 2: 11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch: 20 min integrated into Bell 2

Bell 3: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Dismissal: 1:30 p.m.

(* Schedule subject to adjustments)



- All students will attend 3 enrichment activities per day. They will have these three classes for 4 weeks.
- Class sessions are 60 minutes each.
- Breakfast and lunch are provided.
- Students are registered according to current grade level: k-1 or 2-4
- Arrival and dismissal procedures will be reviewed at the Parent Meeting on May 15th
- Transportation will only pick up/drop off at your address listed in synergy. They do not pick up/drop off at daycares or alternate addresses during the summer.

(if you cannot attend you do not need to email Ms. Lane; a recording of the meeting will be sent to **ALL** parents after the date)



Enrichment Activities for K-1

"The best camp in
Hampton Roads!"
(CE Parent)

ACADEMICS



<p>Animal Ambassadors A Teacher: Avaree Brown</p> <p>Do you love animals?! Do you want to learn more about them? This class is for you! Come interact with scaly, shelled, multi legged, and furry critters every day. Learn to be an ambassador and hear guest speakers daily!</p>	<p>Myth Busters Teacher: Catherine Edwards</p> <p>Students will experience the thrill of hands-on science experiments! We'll conduct experiments to test myths about our world using the scientific method. As scientists, we'll answer questions like "How does a mechanical hand work?" First myth up for debate ... Science is boring (NOT!)</p>
<p>Things That Move! (Physics for Littles) Teacher: Kathy Shambo</p> <p>Come explore the physics of force and motion upon land, water and air machines through a variety of hands-on projects and activities.</p>	<p>Books & Libraries Teacher: Ellen Bailey</p> <p>We will read books together as a class followed by activities related to the books. I will send weekly notes home so parents can record information for Norfolk Public Library's Summer Reading Program and win prizes.</p>
<p>Lego Masters Junior Teacher: Helen Melshen</p> <p>Kids will be challenged to complete exciting learning missions that will be the building blocks for their culminating project. Students will work individually and in teams, which builds lasting memories and friendships. LET'S GET OUR BRICK ON!</p>	<p>Game Time Explorers Teacher: Susan King</p> <p>Each week, we'll explore awesome games like Checkers, Chutes & Ladders, Candyland, Monopoly Junior, and other games with cool themes and challenges. You'll get to play with friends, learn new skills, and even discover some secret strategies. Join us for a great time!</p>
<p>Future Problem Solvers Teacher: Todd Conroy</p> <p>Attention problem solvers. Cities could have trouble with clean air and clean water, preventing sea level rising that causes flooding and providing food for the many people who live there. Your city needs you to research these problems and to design the "Green City of the Future".</p>	



Enrichment Activities for K-1 Continued



The ARTS: Dance, Music & Theater

A Swiftie Summer A

Teacher: Adele Cofield

Dive into a world of creativity and fun as we embrace all things, Taylor Swift! From dazzling jewelry-making, dance parties, to vibrant tie-dye and disco ball crafting, you'll unleash your inner artist while grooving to Taylor's iconic hits. Create your very own vision board and let your dreams take flight, all while surrounded by fellow Swifties!

Tickling the Ivories

Teacher: Cathy Swaim

Have a blast in piano class! We will learn how to play songs on the keyboard and travel back in time to learn about composers from the classical, jazz, romantic, blues and baroque time periods. We will also make and design arts and crafts.

*"Great options!
Almost too many
to choose from!"*

(CE Parent)



SPORTS & ATHLETICS

Tumbling into Summer Gymnastics

Teacher: Becky Irons

In gymnastics, you gain flexibility, balance, and muscle, helping you with other sports. Students learn at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, mastering tricks like rolls, cartwheels, roundoffs, handstands, walkovers, back handsprings, and power tumbling. Gain skills while having fun!



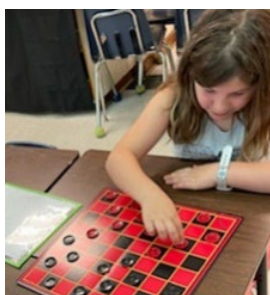
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Engineering Design Process Teacher: Jennifer Heath Do you have what it takes to be an engineer? A common misconception is that engineers build for a living, but that's only a small part of what they do. Did you know they solve problems? They design, research, and fail a LOT! What sets engineers apart from everybody else is that they persevere, flipping failure into innovation. If you'd like to try all these hats, join me for an adventure in engineering this summer.	Future Problem Solvers Teacher: Todd Conroy Attention problem solvers. Cities could have trouble with clean air and clean water, preventing sea level rise/flooding and providing food for the many people who live in cities. Your city needs you to research these problems and to design the "Green City of the Future".
Science Explorers! Teacher: Alina Ronca Explore the world of science in this engaging course where students dive into hands-on experiments to uncover the mysteries of sound, light, matter, motion, and more! Calling all scientists to join us as we learn about the world around us.	Gaming Unplugged Teacher: Karen Tolentino Let's get back to gaming basics! Students will explore and build social relationships while developing critical thinking, strategizing, mental health, and self-control all while having fun! (Students must be able to work with others in a cooperative setting.)



Enrichment Activities for 2-4 Continued



ARTS & CRAFTS

Working with Resin

Teacher: Germentia Williams

Wouldn't you love to make something you can use? Join us at Camp Einstein in Resin Art! Explore the world of colors, textures, and creativity while making usable pens, coasters, keychains, jewelry, and more!



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SPORTS & ATHLETICS

<p>Field Hockey, Physics and Fun, OH MY! Teacher: Meghan Stocks Field hockey is an international sensation that combines the quickness, coolness, and craftiness of soccer and ice hockey. Learn a new sport and build STEM skills as we integrate math, science, and skill work to be the best athletes possible.</p>	<p>Tumbling into Summer Gymnastics Teacher: Becky Irons In gymnastics, you gain flexibility, balance, and muscle, helping you with other sports. Students learn at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels, mastering tricks like rolls, cartwheels, roundoffs, handstands, walkovers, back handsprings, and power tumbling. Gain skills while having fun!</p>
<p>Get Active! Teacher: Angela Goad Love recess and outdoor fun? We do! We chat about healthy eating, discover yoga, and enjoy energizing games outside that get us moving while staying healthy. Join us for an active, joyful experience filled with learning and laughter!</p>	<p>Baseball: On the Field & Behind the Scenes Teacher: Mike McGarity Let's learn how to play baseball- run, hit, field and so much more!!! Let's learn about all the fun things that happen behind the scenes- baseball cards, mascots, stadiums, uniforms and so much more!! *Bringing your own glove is required.</p>



TECHNOLOGY

<p>Computer Coding: Level 1 Teacher: Christopher Michaels Students will learn block and text-based coding by creating their own games and applications. Students will learn about algorithms, variables, loops, and conditionals.</p>	<p>Computer Coding: Level 2 Teacher: Christopher Michaels Students will learn block and text-based coding by creating their own games and applications. Students will gain a deeper understanding of programming languages including arrays, collisions, and custom functions. This course requires a basic understanding of computer programming.</p>
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Does your child meet the program requirements? Are you interested in registering?



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