



EDUCATION IS NOT PREPARATION FOR LIFE; EDUCATION IS LIFE ITSELF - JOHN DEWEY

Jefferson Middle School

Spring Interession 2019

March 11-14

What is Interession?

Jefferson Middle School is dedicated to providing students with the tools needed to be successful. Twice a year, Jefferson offers an interession during Fall and Spring Breaks. The intent is to offer a program that will provide either reinforcement of prior skills or enrichment to further them. Students will be in two courses, unless they sign-up for *Mapping Student Possibilities*, *Bowling* or choose the full *Sports and Conditioning* section.

Spring Interession will be offered from Monday, March 11th – Thursday, March 14th from 8:30-11:30 each day. Breakfast and lunch WILL NOT be provided. Please plan accordingly!

A few things to consider:

1. Interession is FREE!! (bowling requires fee in order to use bowling center facilities)
2. Students will need to choose their top three options. While we hope each student will be able to participate in their top choices, we are limited in space for each class.
3. Forms are due back to homeroom teachers by Friday, March 1st.
4. Transportation to and from JMS will be provided by First Student bus services.



Courses

- **Math Intervention: Grades 5 – 8**
- **Reading Intervention: Grades 5 – 8**
- **Sports and Conditioning**
- **Mapping Student Possibilities**
- **Bowling**
- **Eagle Lab - Creative STEM-Centered Brain-Teasing Activities**
- **Why Stay in School?**

Math Intervention grades 5-8

This course will help students struggling in math by focusing on skills that were taught during the first three terms. Students will receive additional math skill development and strengthen a positive attitude through activities and problem-solving. Students should bring their devices to work on math skills. One section of math intervention will work to use business and personal finance skills to teach adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. Students can potentially earn credit towards their third nine weeks grade!

Reading Intervention grades 5-8

This course will help struggling readers become more confident in their reading and writing. Students will work on areas of deficiency, allowing them to grow in their abilities to fluently read and comprehend material more easily. For the 5th and 6th grades, we will use a short novel to keep the students engaged, and apply reading strategies to improve comprehension. For 7th and 8th grades, we will use the Scholastic Language Arts *Scope* to help improve reading and writing skills. There are two sections of this for grades 5 – 6, and 7 – 8.

Sports and Conditioning

Sports and Conditioning will provide students an opportunity to exercise and play sports in a fun environment. The sessions will focus on flexibility, strength and conditioning, and introductions to the basics of different sports such as football. The sessions will include classroom instruction, agility and exercises, and conclude with fun competitive games such as ultimate football, angle ball, basketball, and battle ball. Students should wear appropriate gym clothes and tennis shoes, and bring cleats if available. Students can choose to participate for the entire three hour period, or one session.

Mapping Student Possibilities (Grades 6th – 8th)

Students will learn about one of the fastest growing technological fields, the basics of online mapping capabilities using ArcGIS Online (AGO), and will use an online tutorial to create a mapping application. Students will create a map (as individuals or with a partner) to enter into the 2019 Map Competition for Tennessee Students. For this year's contest you must focus on content within Tennessee's borders and present it as an ArcGIS Story Map. The five maps judged the best in the state for the middle school division will be awarded a \$100 gift card (per map). The winning middle school map in Tennessee will be submitted for the national middle school competition. Please consider the competitive nature of a contest with awards. Attending this academically enriching offering will require some dedication and attention to detail. Contest details can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/utk.edu/tn-ago-contest/>. **This elective will meet all three hours and will have scheduled breaks.**

Bowling

Let's go have some fun bowling. This session will be a 3 hour course Monday through Thursday. We will learn: The history of bowling, terms, rules, scoring, and skills as we bowl each of the 4 days. Transportation will be provided to and from the Oak Ridge Bowling Alley but there will be a small fee to cover our games and bowling shoes. There is a \$20 fee for the week that will cover the cost of two games per day. Payments need to be made prior to intersession and checks need to be made out to Jefferson Middle School. Transportation will be provided from Jefferson to the Oak Ridge Bowling Center and back to Jefferson.

Eagle Lab - Creative STEM-Centered Brain-Teasing Activities

Students will be able to explore using items from the JMS Library Makerspace like the Ozobots, Osmo, 3-D pens, green screen filming, robots, Little Bits, and Snap Circuits. This will be a self-paced and student-driven activity time with teachers serving as facilitators of their learning.

Why Stay in School??

We will look at the impact education has on future careers, salaries, goal setting, and budgeting, based on what you think your future will entail. Consider asking yourself, *What interests you?*, *What motivates you?*, *Why does school matter?* *What are your future goals?* This project will require that you use mathematics to justify your answers to these questions and help ensure you are making a smart decision.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Transportation will be needed: Yes (If yes, please list address) No

If you want to have transportation, please include your address:

Address _____

Please list your top three choices for Intersession. If you choose a course that spans the full three hours, please write down a second and third choice in case they are full. If you want to be in the Sports and Conditioning course, please write "Full" or "Half" next to your selection. This will help with scheduling other courses, if necessary:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____