



Horizons At Home - Summer 2021

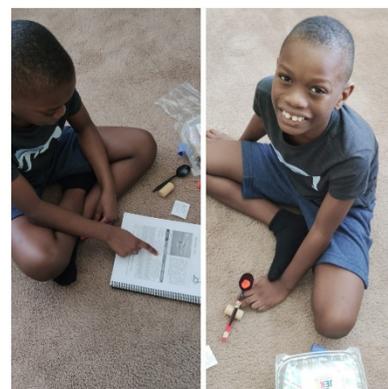


We are excited to announce that *Horizons At Home* will be back for Summer 2021. After speaking with our host schools and closely following the trajectory of COVID-19 in our communities, we have determined that being virtual is both the safest option for students, teachers and staff and the best option for offering the quality academic and social/emotional support that Horizons is known for. We have taken what we learned about virtual learning last summer and from our school systems during the school year, to create a robust program that will address many of the most pressing needs of students at this time.

The program is designed for children from under-served communities who are eligible for free/reduced lunch based on their family's income. It will last for 6 weeks from June 28 – August 5. The classes are all taught by certified teachers with reading specialist and TA support. Students will logon in the morning for 1.5 hours for the morning session focusing on the essentials of reading, math, and social support. After a short break, the afternoon session will be an hour of academic enrichment classes that include STEM. In addition, the students will receive materials that promote asynchronous exploration. Together, these will lay a foundation for success in the upcoming school year.

What to expect in Summer 2021:

- *Strong academic content in **reading and math**.
- *Small groups for friendship building and **social/emotional support** – including tools for navigating the losses caused by COVID-19.
- *Horizons At Home **Materials** – every student will receive a bag full of school supplies, books, science kits, art supplies, games and more to stimulate ongoing learning as well as whole family engagement.
- ***Nutritional support** in the form of grocery gift cards or Foodbank donations
- ***STEM** – science kits and virtual experiments to stimulate curiosity.
- *Hands-on projects
- ***Student Choice** – students will get to choose their afternoon enrichment classes from a wide variety of options.
- *Virtual field trips and closing ceremony.



Horizons Hampton Roads has a proven track record of reducing *Summer Slide* for its 400 students. Not only do Horizons students not fall behind, but they also often make academic advances. Since 1999, Horizons Hampton Roads participants have demonstrated consistent gains of 8-12 weeks' grade equivalency in reading and math during each of our 6-week summer sessions along with improved attendance and self-esteem. Horizons makes a long-term commitment to our students and families through a summer program for grades K-8, followed by continued support while the child is in high school. Students who are part of Horizons At Home will have priority for available spots when we are able to gather again person.

If you are interested in having your child be part of Horizons At Home this summer, please have your teacher or school counselor contact us for a referral form. Once we receive that, we can begin the registration process.