

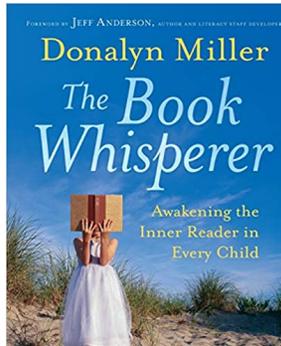


The Silvia Spotlight

From the Principal:

We had a great first week back after April break. Students and staff have more than settled into an almost full building for in person learning. With May right around the corner, this edition of The Spotlight has reminders about upcoming dates and events. Although we can't have end of year events 100% as they have traditionally been, we are committed to making the end of the year as special as possible for all of our students. We are planning for events such as Field Day, 5th Grade Send-Off Ceremonies, and our Silvia School Talent Show! We are looking forward to closing out the year strong!

As a staff at Silvia School we are committed to our own professional growth. We know that being models of growth is imperative when it comes to our students making positive strides both academically and socially and emotionally. One area we strive to be positive models is in the area of reading. **Our number one goal for reading instruction is to foster a love for reading in our students.** We want all our students to be life-long readers. As such, the majority of the Silvia staff is engaged in reading The Book Whisperer by Donalyn Miller. Donalyn Miller says she has yet to meet a child she couldn't turn into a reader. No matter how far behind Miller's students might be when they reach her classroom, they end up reading an average of 40 to 50 books a year. Miller's unconventional approach dispenses with drills and worksheets that make reading a chore. Instead, she helps students navigate the world of literature and gives them time to read books they pick out themselves. Her love of books and teaching is both infectious and inspiring.



Silvia School Talent Show:



Be sure to [click the link](#) and fill out the form to register your child.

Email mhomol@fallriverschools.org with any questions.

Silvia Staff Appreciation Week:

We are celebrating Staff Appreciation Week May 3-7. Please join us in recognizing our amazing Silvia team who has demonstrated time and time again their commitment to your children. During an extremely challenging school year, our staff has worked to ensure that Silvia students are cared for, supported, and receiving a quality education.

Here are some ways you can celebrate Staff Appreciation next week:

- send a card or note
- have your child create a picture, poem or handmade gift
- send a recorded message or video
- consider making a classroom donation
- be creative!



DON'T FORGET OUR SPECIALIST, PARAS AND SUPPORT STAFF!

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We invite parents to also be models for their children
 - How can you show your child what life-long reading looks like? Talk to your children about the books they are reading and access the library to give them more opportunity when it comes to getting books in their hands. As we move forward, you will also hear about how Silvia is striving towards being a culture of reading. Part of this culture will invite parents to take part in the reading lives of their child.

We wish the Silvia community a Happy Friday and hope you enjoy the weekend!

MCAS Testing Dates:

May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28
No Testing	ELA Grade 3	ELA Grade 4	ELA Grade 5	ELA Make-Ups
May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4
No School	Math Grade 3	Math Grade 4	Math Grade 5	Math Make-Ups
June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11
No Testing	Science Grade 5	Science Make-Ups All Make-Ups	Make-Ups if needed	Testing Complete

Silvia Summer Academy and Enrichment SURVEY UPDATE:

We have been APPROVED for a grant through the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education that will provide funding for a Summer Academy and Enrichment. **This academy is for students who are CURRENTLY in K - 5 and do NOT receive extended school year.**

Below on pages 3 and 4 please find an overview of the Summer Academy and Enrichment to get a sense of dates, times, and programming.

In addition, please fill out the survey [HERE](#). This will give us the data we need to start to plan numbers and staffing for the program. The survey is NOT a commitment. It takes two minutes to complete.



Upcoming Dates/Events:

- NO SCHOOL from April 19th through April 23rd for Spring Break
- Please find our school calendar [HERE](#).

“This is how I show my students that I love them - by putting books in their hands, by noticing what they are about, and finding books that tell them, "I know. I know. I know how it is. I know who you are, and even though we may never speak of it, read this book, and know that I understand you.”

— Donalyn Miller

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Silvia Summer Academy and Enrichment Plan

Summer 2021

Dates:

Staff Planning - June 22nd, 23rd and 24th

*Session One - July 5th - July 23rd

*Session Two - August 2nd - August 20th

* Chosen families can participate in one or two sessions.

Schedule:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:30 - 9:00	Arrival/Breakfast/ Morning Meeting	Arrival/Breakfast/ Morning Meeting	Arrival/Breakfast/ Morning Meeting
9:00 - 11:00	In-Class Based on Grade Level One-on-One Tutoring	In-Class Based on Grade Level One-on-One Tutoring	In-Class Based on Grade Level One-on-One Tutoring
11:00 - 11:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:30 - 12:30	Enrichment Camps	Enrichment Camps	Enrichment Camps
12:30 - 12:45	Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up
12:45	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

<u>Transportation</u>	<u>Description of Enrollment</u>	<u>Teaching and Learning Approach</u>	<u>Tutoring</u>	<u>Enrichment Camps</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Busing will be provided for those families who receive busing currently to and from Silvia School - There will be no door-to-door busing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth and fifth grade students - Four sessions for each grade level - 10 - 12 students per session - Students with greater academic and/or social and emotional needs take priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each classroom will have at least one teacher with support from special education teachers and paraprofessionals. - Teachers will be asked to use a balanced differentiated approach that is driven by data. - The first week of each session will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on data from the school year and the baseline data collected at the beginning of each session, some students will be pulled for 30 minute one-on-one blocks or one-on-two blocks of tutoring between the hours of 9 and 11 - Educators will use tier III interventions to support closing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each camp will be led by one (or two if people want to run one together) staff member -Camps will run by topic and be offered K - 2 and 3 - 5 - Camps will run from 11:30 - 12:30 - Topics will offer a variety of enrichment opportunities for students (i.e. STEM, Physical Education

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	<p>- Does NOT include students who have extended school year on the IEP</p>	<p>include the following baseline assessments to obtain each student's present level of performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DIBELS - Add+Vantage <p>- Use of at least two adults in the room for small group differentiated instruction</p>	<p>gaps based on individual student data</p>	<p>and Wellness, Arts and Music, Math Camp, etc).</p> <p>- Camps will be fun, engaging, and highly motivating</p>
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