

HALF-DAY CAMPS WITH CONNECTIONS ACADEMICS AT FORSYTH SCHOOL

Wild About Chapter Books!

Rising Grade 2–5 Students

June 23–27 | 9:00am–12:00pm

This camp will provide guidance for researching and choosing “just right” chapter books by presenting students with a variety of age-appropriate books in a range of topics and genres. Students will receive a toolbox of strategies to determine the most appealing and accessible books to read. They will explore the group-chosen chapter book through character studies, comprehension questions, writing prompts, and even daily crafts related to the book. Students will leave excited about reading and with their own list of must-read books and series to explore next! **Instruction will be differentiated to reflect students’ grade level and ability.**

Wild About Writing!

Rising Grade 2–5 Students

July 7–11 | 9:00am–12:00pm

This camp will focus on a variety of writing strategies, including planning/brainstorming, drafting, proofreading, peer editing, and more. The camp will also provide instruction in writing skills such as sentence structure, writing conventions, and spelling. Students will be guided through several engaging writing activities to practice the skills necessary to generate a final writing piece. Each day, students will participate in themed read-alouds and crafts. Students will work toward the final step of writing and will be given the opportunity to “publish” their very own take-home book! **Instruction will be differentiated to reflect students’ grade level and ability.**

Wild About Math!

Rising Grade 2–4 Students

July 14–18 | 9:00am–12:00pm

This camp will provide students with a review of previously learned math skills while exposing them to new skills they will need as they move onto the next grade level. Each day, they will receive direct instruction in a small-group setting before being released to practice carefully chosen math skills. Students will review skills, strategies, and concepts through engaging hands-on activities. They will work in pairs and groups to complete math challenges, games, and activities. Students will leave feeling ready to conquer math in the fall! **Instruction will be differentiated to reflect students’ grade level and ability.**

Wild About Reading!

Rising Senior-K & Grade 1–2 Students

July 28–August 1 | 9:00am–12:00pm

This camp will provide students with daily reading, writing, and spelling instruction in a small-group setting. Through repetitive and structured lessons, students will begin to understand the foundations of phonics, including decoding, phonemic awareness, and fluency. This camp will present students with hands-on interactive activities to generate high engagement while practicing the foundational skills of reading, writing, and spelling. Each day will include a themed story, take-home craft, and interactive small-group content instruction. **Instruction will be differentiated to reflect students’ grade level and ability.**

Connections Academics (CA) is a St. Louis-based tutoring company that works with Pre-K through Grade 8 students. CA partners with schools, parents, and teachers to provide individualized academic support. CA’s tutor team is comprised of highly qualified licensed teachers specializing in reading intervention, content support, SSAT preparation, study skills, and more. CA is run by Ellie Melrose, a former elementary and middle school Intervention Specialist. Before working with CA, Ellie worked for St. Louis Special School District and then Distinctive Schools in Chicago. Ellie left the classroom in 2022 to join the CA Chicago leadership and tutoring team. In St. Louis, Ellie now works closely with families, schools, and tutors to provide academic support for Pre-K through Grade 8 students. Ellie currently teaches Book Club and Creative Writing After-School Classes at Forsyth.