2019 Brain Forest Summer Learning Program
Classroom Assistant Description

The Brain Forest Summer Learning Program is a 5 week program that aims to prevent summer learning loss. The full-day program will offer rising fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students mornings of math and reading enrichment and afternoons of arts enrichment and physical activity. Enrollment is first-come, first-serve and is open to any student enrolled in Montgomery City Schools.

Each classroom assistant will assist an experienced teacher in a classroom of approximately 15-20 students. A nationally-normed math and reading assessment will be used at the beginning of the program to determine the students' strengths and weaknesses. During the final week, students will once again complete the assessment to highlight their academic growth during the program. The teacher and classroom assistant, along with the grade-level Instructional Director, will develop daily lesson plans to meet the specific learning targets identified for the class. The classroom assistant will receive ongoing support and coaching as needed from his/her teacher and the grade-level Instructional Director.

Mornings will be spent in the classroom, with the first part of the afternoon reserved for planning with other instructional staff members. Following planning time, classroom assistants will help recreational staff with afternoon enrichment activities and will collaborate with other classroom assistants to plan additional enrichment activities as needed. On Fridays, students and staff members will "leave to learn" on field trips to cultural and arts sites around Montgomery. Classroom assistants will supervise students during transition periods, Friday field trips, breakfast, and lunch as needed.

Brain Forest staff members will be fully immersed in an environment that encourages project-based, inquiry-based instruction and the use of technology in the classroom. Each classroom assistant will be provided with a copy of the book *Leaders of Their Own Learning* by Ron Berger and will be asked to participate in short, powerful discussions about the material with other instructional staff members. As the summer provides more flexibility and opportunities for innovation, the experience will differ in some ways from the regular school year environment. Because of the brief and intensive nature of the program, the ideal candidate for this position is one who believes deeply in children and is eager to challenge him- or herself.

<u>Responsibilities include:</u>

- Assisting with math and reading instruction in small groups or one-on-one, as directed by the teacher.
- Supervising students during transition periods, field trips, breakfast, and lunch.
- Creating and implementing afternoon enrichment activities aligned with the morning's academic instruction.
- Monitoring student behavior and ensuring that program culture and expectations are consistent.

Qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in or entering a university or college program.
- *Preferred:* Education major or education classes.
- Strong communication skills and ability to work with diverse groups.
- Flexibility, willingness to pitch in when needed (no task too big or too small), and a sense of humor.
- *A plus:* previous experience with any of the following – iPad education, science or arts education, or coding.

Timeline: The Brain Forest Summer Learning Program operates June 10 to July 19; Staff training takes place June 3rd to June 7th. The program is closed July 1st to July 5th.

Wednesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 6	4:30PM-6:30PM	Parent/Guardian Orientation
Monday, June 3-Thursday, June 6	9 AM-3 PM (30 min lunch break)	Training & Planning for All Brain Forest Staff
Monday, June 10-Friday, June 14	8 AM-5 PM (30 min lunch break)	Brain Forest Program Week 1
Monday, June 17-Friday, June 21	8 AM-5 PM (30 min lunch break)	Brain Forest Program Week 2
Monday, June 24-Friday, June 28	8 AM-5 PM (30 min lunch break)	Brain Forest Program Week 3
Monday, July 1-Friday, July 5	CLOSED	PROGRAM CLOSED
Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12	8 AM-5 PM (30 min lunch break)	Brain Forest Program Week 4
Monday, July 15-Friday, July 19	8 AM-5 PM (30 min lunch break)	Brain Forest Program Week 5

Compensation:
$10/hour paid bi-weekly. No other benefits.

To Apply:
Please complete online application with resume attachment.
https://forms.gle/8Keqf6oMqrLANYvs7

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Sikes, at ann@montgomeryed.org or call (334) 647-1700.
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