

## Sparkles Hybrid Education Contract 2021-2022

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### Calendar

Student Orientation is August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to 12p.m.

First day of class is August 30th, 2021. Last day of class is May 26, 2022.

Weather & Safety: We follow Collier County Public School System's protocol for school closure.

### Schedule\*

You will be receiving a daily schedule for your student(s) class from their teacher.

***Drop-off time for all classes will be between 9a.m -9:45a.m - with instruction starting promptly at 10a.m. - 3p.m.***

Sparkles 1 - Monday (Optional S.T.E.A.M. day) Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Sparkles 2 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Sparkles 3 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

\* Our teachers have flexible schedules to allow for overlapping teaching opportunities.

### Classes and Materials

You will be receiving this from your student(s) teacher.

### Grades and Reports

Students are assessed in a variety of ways – orally, written reports, demonstrations, and projects, as well as pencil and paper tests. Twice a year, in December and May, students present their semester projects to family and friends. Students receive a Semester Progress Report for each subject, and a checklist of behaviors, which can be used for school records if transferring to another school. We also offer support and resources for standardized testing to those students who request it.

### Policies

#### Holidays

At Sparkles, our main focus is on education. We do not affiliate with any particular political or religious group, and we accept students from all walks of life. Therefore, we do not have class parties related to holidays such as Halloween or Christmas, or any other faith-based celebration. We are not against them; we have great respect for everyone's cultural and religious beliefs and practices. We just believe those celebrations belong with the family and are not part of our mission at Sparkles.

#### Birthdays

We like to honor each child during the year on their birthday or, if it is in the summer, we will celebrate the student at the end of the year. During lunch, students have the opportunity to say something they admire or appreciate about the person. Treats are not expected; however, if you would like to send something to share, feel free to do so. We ask that no sweets be handed out; only healthy options. E.g. popcorn, fruit and yogurt, apple slices with peanut butter, etc.

### Electronics

Cell phones should be kept on silent and out of sight; they are used only for parent contact. Computer use is based on curriculum needs only, not for games. Leave electronic games, music, and earphones at home; during free time, students go outside to get fresh air or play games inside without electronics. Unauthorized electronics will be confiscated.

### Academic Expectations

Students should expect regular homework and are responsible for keeping track of their assignments in an assignment notebook. If a student is absent, he/she/or a parent/guardian is responsible to find out what was taught and to complete any assigned work. Parents can support their child in the following ways:

- Reinforce lessons by developing challenging and engaging instruction at home.
- Provide a quiet place to study with all the necessary materials.
- Ask your child what he or she is learning, and encourage good effort.
- Check if homework is complete, *support* but do not do assignments for your child.

Missing Assignment Policy: If a student has 3 missing or incomplete assignments, the parent will need to schedule a meeting to discuss student's strategy for completion for past and future assignments.

### Behavioral and Attendance Expectations

Respectfully Participate in a Positive Learning Environment.

- Use positive, polite speech and actions with students and teachers.
- Do your best and encourage others to do the same: do not distract from the learning process.
- Participate in class discussion & activities: no side conversations or refusing to follow directions.
- Bring proper materials to class, keep track of assignments, and hand in completed work on time.
- Class begins at 10am. Students need to arrive 10 minutes early to unpack and check in so that class can start promptly at 10. It is disruptive to teachers and students when another student is late. Please be respectful of everyone's time.
- Students that are habitually late and/or absent will be asked to schedule a meeting to discuss student's future with Sparkles.

Disruptive Behavior Policy: If a student does not follow these expectations, he or she will need to fill out a Stop, Think, and Plan sheet. If a student is unable to abide by the academic and behavioral expectations of Sparkles: and/or a parent does not support them, they will be asked to discontinue attendance.

Acceptable Parent Behavioral Policy: All parents are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner consistent with the values of integrity, open communication and mutual respect. Parents shall always model positive and responsible behavior and communicate in an ethical manner. In doing so, they not only show their children how to appropriately express and address issues and concerns, but they ensure that there is no disruption to the educational process. The Acceptable Parent Behavior Policy is designed to hold parents accountable when interacting with Sparkles parents, teachers, and students. Failure to conduct oneself in a respectful manor may result in your student(s) being asked to discontinue the program.

**Cost**

Registration: \$200 non-refundable deposit per child; due with enrollment paperwork.

Monthly rate for August to May

- *August tuition: \$375/student (supports teachers and workshops); due with enrollment forms. Please date this check for August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021*
- Tuition Costs for September to May\*
- **Sparkles 1 Tuition is \$750 for 3 days per week \$825 for 4 days per week**  
- At time of enrollment parent/student must make the choice of 3 or 4-day program
- **Sparkles 2 and 3 tuition is \$825/month**  
**Two students: \$1500/month**  
**Three students \$2100/month**
- **A Reading specialist - focusing in dyslexia, and learning disabilities will be available. If it is deemed your child needs additional services you will be responsible for an additional \$200 per month.**

\*Tuition is payable in the form of pre-dated checks. Checks are due by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pre-date them September 1<sup>st</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, ...through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Any returned checks will incur the appropriate fee. Checks will be deposited on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

Payment method\*: Pre-dated checks are to be made out to *Sparkles of Southwest Florida* and handed to Adrienne Weisberg **by August 1st.**

\*At Sparkles, we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise that can make it difficult for a family to incur the cost of schooling. If you need to make other arrangements for payment, please contact Adrienne Weisberg.

**Withdrawal from Sparkles:** In order to function efficiently and maintain the low cost tuition, and high quality teachers you must make your tuition payments on time and must financially commit to the 2021-2022 school year that consists of 9 (nine) months.

We understand situations can arise that makes it impossible to continue at Sparkles: such as loss of income, medical and relocation. If you do need to discontinue at Sparkles for the aforementioned reasons, we do require a 30-day *written* notice.

Child(ren) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Sparkles 1 students only:**

My student is committing to 4 days

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

My student is committed to 3 days

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_