



BRIDGE TO SUCCESS



Hastings Public Elementary Schools

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GRASP for Summer 2011!

... a correspondence workbook program to reinforce math and reading skills learned during the school year just completed!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Are you looking for ideas to keep your child engaged in learning this summer? **GRASP** is a correspondence workbook program to reinforce **math and reading skills** learned during the school year just completed. Community Education will, once again, offer the GRASP program for reading and math, a learning option for students to complete at home on their own schedules.

GRASP is a nine-week correspondence program *designed to help students in grades K-8 maintain and enhance their reading and math levels during the summer months*. The format of the program also prepares students for the standardized testing environment.

It should take you and your child about **one hour per week** to complete each weekly lesson. Students complete lessons at home and mail them to our Community Education scoring center, where they are corrected and returned to you for review. *Students who successfully complete the program receive a certificate of completion. Students completing all nine weeks with a score of 70 percent or more receive a medal.* Students will receive their awards at school in the fall. A packet containing a workbook, instructions, answer sheets and pre-addressed envelopes will be *sent home with participating students the last week of school*. Instruction sheets provide all the necessary information.

Most parents order the grade level their child has just completed to review and maintain this year's skills. If there are extenuating circumstances, order the level that is appropriate for your child. If you have specific questions or would like to see workbook samples/pages, they will be available the Community Education office.

The enrollment fee is **\$35** for one subject (reading or math) or **\$65** for both subjects. The cost includes all materials and the scoring service through Community Education.

Testimonials:

- *"I am a teacher in another district and see the academic summer slide. I have always had workbooks and computer programs available for my own kids, but the accountability factor made all the difference. Knowing they had to mail it to someone else seemed to have more meaning than just doing it for their mom. Thanks, this was great!"*
- *"Helped him remember all the concepts he learned last year. Also helped him as practice for standardized tests. I like the program as it has shown me the areas in which he needs extra help."*

To enroll your child, please complete the GRASP Enrollment Form and return it to the Community Education office along with your registration fee. Please note, in order for Community Education to receive all materials in time for the end of the school year, your order form is due no later than April 15, 2011. If you miss this deadline, we may do a second order, however families will be required to pick up those packs at the Community Education office.

What Hastings parents had to say of GRASP in past summers...

☆ "GRASP provided learning continuity over the summer months but wasn't overwhelming. It also gave us, as parents, a first hand opportunity to see where our child needs extra help to work independently."

☆ "GRASP really helped to keep them from forgetting the things they learned over the summer. We thought it was great!"

☆ "GRASP was a great program! Not only did my son benefit because of the reinforcement it provided but it helped my husband and I know what to teach him throughout the summer. I love the schedule that went along with it."

☆ "Kept her on track with the skills she would use on a daily basis in school. She liked getting the scored answer sheets back in the mail, kept her motivated."

GRASP Registration for Summer 2011!

Use this form to register your child for the GRASP summer learning program.

Return the form to Community Education no later than Friday, April 15, 2011!

Participant Information

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade Level _____

School _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address (to send confirmation): _____

Course & Fee Information

Check one or both: Math Grade Level: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 *Select **by circling** the grade just completed to maintain skills.*
 Reading Grade Level: K 1 2 3 4 5 6

\$ _____ Amount Enclosed (\$35 single subject; \$65 both subjects) Make checks payable to: **Community Education**
Westview Center, 1355 So. Frontage Rd., Suite #150, Hastings, MN 55033

* If choosing to pay with *credit/debit card*, please contact Community Education directly at: **651-480-7670**.