



It's My Community is incorporating the suggestions of the National Summer Learning Association to implement the vision for summer learning at the Edwards Elementary Reading Camp. As such, the following principles are being followed:

- 1) Increase the duration and intensity of programming to a six-week, full-day model.
- 2) Expand participation to all students in Title 1 schools, or all youth living in poverty.
- 3) Change the focus from narrow remediation and test preparation to one that blends academic learning in core subjects, hands-on activities, technology and enrichment.
- 4) Strengthen and expand partnerships between schools, community organizations and public agencies to leverage resources, identify gaps and improve programs.
- 5) Provide incentives to students that improve attendance and engagement with enrichment activities such as arts, music and sports, as well as free breakfast and lunch.
- 6) Offer innovation professional development for educators and youth developments leaders.
- 7) Engage in rigorous evaluation of implementation and impact to strengthen the evidence base for "what works."
- 8) Move summer programs from the periphery to the core of school reform strategies through better planning, infrastructure, data collection and accountability.

It's My Community also provides behavioral health support at Edwards Elementary and is currently implementing a pilot of the newly developed program called "Friends and Family" that promotes literacy, good behavior and making good choices.

Collectively, these strategies are helping create a comprehensive strategy for embracing a group of young people in northeast Oklahoma City, providing them with a rigorous, full-press support system designed to see them succeed.