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2025 Slingerland® Summer Learning Program

General Description of Program and Student Eligibility:

This program is for students **who have completed grades first through eighth**. This program is recommended for students with observed difficulties in one or more areas of penmanship, letter-sound-symbol association for reading or spelling, written expression, decoding, reading fluency, or reading comprehension. Students will be accepted into the program once their application is submitted and reviewed by the summer program director for goodness-of-fit. We want to ensure that this time is a benefit for your child.

The Slingerland® Approach is a multi-modal (multi-sensory) Structured Literacy approach to teaching language arts - reading, writing, speaking, and spelling. Procedures to establish and extend competence in the areas noted above are systematically introduced and practiced. The first 10 minutes of the academic day are devoted to concise oral language expression (Question of the Day). This allows students to practice organizing their thoughts and responding to questions in full and complete sentences. Next, instruction progresses to a structured lesson to develop spelling (encoding, understanding base words, affixes, and suffixes) and written language skills. Students do a lot of cursive writing practice to ensure automatic sound-symbol understanding and written letter formation. The final portion of the lesson is devoted to reading, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. Each day consists of 150 minutes of Slingerland® instruction, as well as a 30-minute snack/activity break. No homework is assigned as students work quite hard while in class. Our Advanced Writing and Reading class structure differs in content: with an intense focus on high school preparation, but the schedule timings remain the same.

Class hours are 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day. The playground gate is opened at 8:45 am to allow students time to enter and adjust, drop off their things, and use the restroom/wash their hands before the start of their lessons. Students must be picked up promptly at dismissal. Parents/drivers are to wait on the sidewalk by the playground gate to help escort their students through the parking lot. There is no Ohlone College parking fee for families dropping off or picking up students. There is no provision for before or after-school care. Special weekly activities will be announced in Friday Family Updates. During the final week of summer school, parents/families are invited to observe the morning Slingerland® lesson followed by a general conference presentation with all parents. Individual student reports will be sent home on the last day of the summer program.

Dates: July 7-August 1st, 2025 **Application:** Available on website; www.stellaracademy.org, hover on
Hours: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm "Our Programs", then click "Summer Program" from the drop-down menu.
Location: Stellar Academy for Dyslexics, Newark Ohlone College campus, 39399 Cherry St, Newark, Ca 94560, Buildings: NP2 (office), NP5 (beg-med class), NP8a (med-adv class).
Cost: \$1800 (\$600 non-refundable deposit due at registration, \$1200 balance due on/before 7/8th)
Make checks payable to: Stellar Academy for Dyslexics, and drop off the application and evaluations to the school office, or mail to: Stellar Academy for Dyslexics, P.O. Box 1319, Newark, Ca 94560