

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

You might think that teachers would look forward to summer vacation and getting a break from teaching.



But several teachers at Pickaway County schools and Ohio Christian University are eager to be back in the classroom at Kids on Campus, a summer enrichment program.

The two weeklong sessions are designed for first-through fourth-graders who want to improve their math, music, science, technology or visual arts skills through hands-on learning activities.

Rolanda Hurtt is an affiliate professor of Teacher Education at Ohio Christian but when she started teaching for Kids on Campus 10 years ago, she was a science teacher at Court Street Elementary.

"Back then I was trying to get kids excited about science in Pickaway County. I thought (Kids on Campus) would be a good place to start."

She said she really enjoys working with the kids in the summer.

"I always love trying out new activities before I introduce them in my classroom in the fall," she said.

This year, she will be trying something new herself: teaching math using Ohio's Common Core Standards and hands-on activities.

Michelle Fraley, a kindergarten teacher at Pickaway Elementary, will be teaching technology to Kids on Campus participants for the second year.

"I believe (Kids on Campus) is a great experience for kids to do activities all summer long to keep their brains growing," she said.

May 11, 2018



Kids on Campus is a summer enrichment program designed for first- through fourth-graders who want to improve their math, music, science, technology or visual arts skills through hands-on learning activities.

She said she most enjoys watching the kids make friends and challenging themselves in class.

"This year we are going to try some motion stop videos and I can't wait to see what they come up with," she said.

The summer programs are structured for grades first and second and grades third and fourth. It is coordinated by Pickaway HELPS, with support from Ohio Christian University and funding from PPG Industries.

To access a program brochure with registration information, go to www.pickawayhelps.org/pdf/2018-KidsOnCampusBrochure.pdf. The registration deadline is May 18.

For more information, contact Christy Mills, director of Pickaway HELPS, at (740) 474-5383 or send an e-mail to highered@pickaway.org.

Ty Ankrom is the superintendent of the Pickaway County Educational Service Center. He can be reached at ty.ankrom@pickawayesc.org.

