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Dear Ventana Parents,

Once again, Ventana Ranch is hosting the K-3+. This 25 day program (June 14<sup>th</sup>-July 20<sup>th</sup>) is *designed to emphasize literacy, math, art, music, science literacy and social skills. Students who take advantage of the 25 bonus instructional days have more time to devote to studies that can greatly benefit them in the years ahead. The program's purpose is to help narrow the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and other students. It also aims to increase cognitive skills, help improve test scores and provide summer enrichment experiences.* The program is free to all Ventana enrolled students entering Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

YMCA's all over the country work tirelessly to support all efforts that lead to narrowing the achievement gap. It is the lynchpin in our school-age programs. We encourage all eligible Ventana students to take advantage of this opportunity. We will support families by providing kids enrolled in this program with quality, affordable and engaging before and after school care. During the intersessions, (May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 14<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>) Ventana K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders are encouraged to participate in our full day summer program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the site lead, program director or your school's administration.

We look forward to serving your family this summer with a safe, fun and innovative program!

Kindest regards,

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