



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

NEWSLETTER



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Dallesport



In collaboration with the Lyle School District



ACTIVITIES

This fall, in preparation for the cold winter months ahead, students enjoyed making no-sew blankets in small groups over multiple sessions. Students used math, measurement tools, manual dexterity, and teamwork to complete their first set of blankets before the holidays. Students plan to work on more this winter so everyone has one to use during storytime & connection circles.

GRANT PARTNERS

Our friends from Skyline Health were excited to help produce a mini nutrition & cooking series for our students, diving right in to build skills & set up a culture of cooking that we can expand upon through the winter. Over the course of multiple sessions, students got to hone their chopping & cutting skills along with following simple recipes to create dipping sauces for the plethora of chopped veggies. Teamwork, collaboration, & leadership skills were emphasized & practiced.



No-sew blankets.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

As a reward for regular attendance & expected behavior, a group of students got to partake in a visit to Howard Haven Animal Sanctuary's fall community event to soak in the seasonal transition. Students engaged with volunteers to paint pumpkins, interact with the animals, take hay rides, & explore the land as their bodies were drawn. Sharing gratitude & learning how to be good guests were emphasized in order to foster a culture of courtesy & respect.



FIELD TRIPS

A group of students got to experience the pleasure & privilege of community service work when they participated in a river restoration project managed by the Forest Service along a nearby stretch of the Klickitat River. Our dear friends & partners from Trout Unlimited coordinated a stellar team of volunteers from botanists to river rangers to help students plant native plants along the restoration site. Students were beaming from their connection to nature and feelings of gratitude & stewardship.

PARENT EVENTS

To close out 2023, Dallesport REACH hosted a second annual REACH Family Holiday Celebration which included family portraits and a family dinner followed by hot chocolate & singing carols. In the weeks leading up to the event, students decorated a mural to use as a portrait backdrop & practiced singing carols using song sheets. Over 50 family members showed up to the event, creating a festive & celebratory feel as families headed into winter break.



REACH Family Holiday Celebration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

With colder & darker days ahead, we are greatly looking forward to our partnership with Arts in Ed of the Gorge to help roll out an arts & crafts series that will engage students' imaginations & sense of creativity. We are looking forward to aligning our activities with central themes each month around culture, story & place.



Student Highlight

JANAILA DOBSON (3RD GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"REACH Rewards Store!"

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

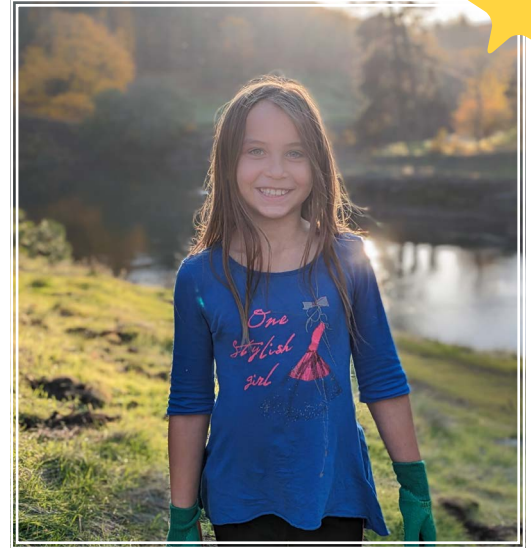
"Clowning with Mr. Barnaby."

What have you learned recently?

"Magic tricks."

Quote:

"REACH is fun!"



Students enjoying Howard Haven Animal Sanctuary's fall community event.



Students visit Howard Haven.



Students engaged with volunteers to paint pumpkins