

Summer 2020 NEWSLETTER









SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our Summer REACH Program was a BLAST and full of fun activities, hands on projects, and lots of laughter!

Although this year's summer program was unlike our previous summer programs, we were able to continue offering activities, snacks, educational materials and learning experiences via Zoom meetings. We truly made the best of our four weeks together by offering program virtually. We all enjoyed coming together each week for art projects, making friendship bracelets, baking healthy brownies, science experiments, icebreakers, super FUN scavenger hunts, mindfulness activities, math dice, card games, Wheel of Fortune, and making our own bouncy balls! We also thought it was an important time to incorporate a social/emotional activity in which we made "Respectacles" out of pipe cleaners. This lesson and discussion allowed us all to see situations through the eyes of others and to respect the feelings of others. It was a powerful activity with an important message.

GRANT PARTNERS

We had the opportunity to collaborate with two of our REACH grant partners during our summer program. Every Tuesday afternoon we would meet with Shelley Toon and Amy Gray from Arts in Education of the Gorge. These artists would host a wonderful Art lesson via ZOOM for our group. They incorporated new art techniques that we will continue to implement in our REACH program. We learned about line, shape, and texture, as well as watercolors, six-word story lines, and embossing with aluminum. We also had the opportunity to collaborate with our newest grant partner, Gorge Ecology Outdoors (GEO). GEO provided our group with virtual tour videos that explored the ecosystem of our local environment. It was wonderful to learn about the unique characteristics of our area. We are grateful to have so many wonderful grant partners supporting our program. Thank you for engaging our students and your dedication, our hands go up to you all!

PARENT EVENTS

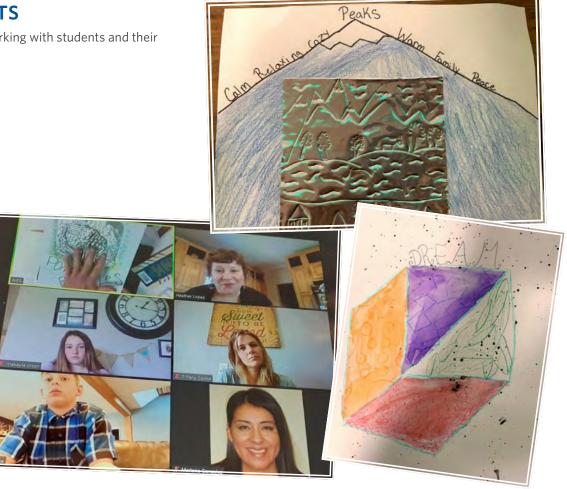
We would like to thank all of the parents and guardians for sharing their talented children with us and taking the time to support our program during these unprecedented times. We appreciate you!





UPCOMING EVENTS

We are looking forward to working with students and their families again this fall!



Student Highlight

MAKAYLA OLSON (9TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"My favorite thing about REACH is getting to spend time with my friends and getting extra help on my work when I need it."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I recently got to do different types of art and draw what came to my mind, which was fun. I'm not the best at art, but I had a lot of fun!"

What have you learned recently?

"I recently learned about different types of art and how to express what you are thinking through art."



