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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The summer has been packed with engaging educational activities that were full of fun. We kicked off the summer REACH program with a field trip to Horsethief Lake State Park with Gorge Ecology Outdoors, one of our community partners. The day was a busy one, students learned water safety and went out in rubber rafts. They learned about the history of the local Native Americans and studied the pictographs and petroglyphs on display at the park. Students also fished and participated in community-building activities.

GRANT PARTNERS

We have done so many creative and exciting activities with our community partners this summer! Abby Brandt from 4H of Klickitat County and her student crew did a two-part series on food and nutrition. The kids also planted seeds and learned that it is possible to grow lots of your own food, even in small spaces. Our REACH students were entertained and amazed by several magicians, jugglers, comedians and artists throughout the summer.

FIELD TRIPS

During the second week of the summer program, our group visited Risi Howard and the Howard Haven Animal Sanctuary. Students fed horses, pigs, and ducks while learning interesting facts about their new animal friends. Students were taught about the different markings on various breeds of animals, and new vocabulary about the animals' physical parts and characteristics. Later in the day, we were joined by Debi Budnick from Skyline Hospital. She showed us how to create solar ovens where the kids made English muffin pizzas and s'mores. They created their snacks while learning science all at once!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Retired Coast Guard, Dr. Vern Harpool, visited our REACH group along with Debi Budnick of our Skyline Hospital community partnership. They taught our students basic first aid while the kids built their own first aid kits to take home with them. The supplies were provided by the REACH program, but the



expertise on how to use the materials was provided by Dr. Vern and Debi.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Exciting news! Our REACH program has been extended for another year. We are hoping to be back this fall with in-person programming. With many new materials and games, we hope to be able to get together for another exciting and fun year.



Student Highlight

BRITTANY GRANADOS (4TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"REACH keeps me entertained and calm. I enjoy sitting and talking with friends."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I really liked painting the tote bags with the artist from Arts in Education of the Gorge. It was very calming."

What have you learned recently?

"I learned a lot about animals at the Howard Haven Animal Farm. I learned how to tell animal breeds by their markings, and how to tell horses apart by the markings on their heads, feet, and legs."

