

Summer 2021 NEWSLETTER













In collaboration with the Wishram School District

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Wishram REACH students loved our summer schedule. We started out week one with an activity filled trip to Horsethief State Park. We rafted, hiked, and fished. We loved learning about theatrical strategies with Sullivan Macintosh from Fort Vancouver Regional Library (FVRL). Discovering how to juggle with Rhys from FVRL was also lots of fun!

During week two, we met with 4-H of Klickitat County and learned about Healthy Choices nutrition. Thanks to Abby Brandt for all the fun activities and stories to help us learn about nutrition. We truly enjoyed Yoga with Marge, and Talewise, "Aliens Escape from Earth", both from our FVRL partner. We learned about the different parts of plants and planted a container garden right outside of our classroom, it has been fun to watch the plants grow. One of the most fun activities was our day of slime and fidget spinners. The students learned a lot about measuring, having patience and an enormous amount of mixing, but the results were awesome.

In week three, Jordan Kim taught how to paint a one-point perspective tree. In our Day of Bubbles, we followed different recipes and experimented to make the best bubble solutions. Students learned to follow and read instructions, use a drill, screw driver, chop saw and a sander while making their very own bench out of 2X4's.

On the last week of summer program, we met with 4-H and wound up the Healthy Choices classes. Jordan Kim from AIEG taught us about collage. Amy Gray from AIEG helped students use their imagination making paper sack puppets and marionette ostriches; this was fun and required perseverance. Heidi Larson brought her Planet Earth Science Exploration and it was amazing. Students made objects to fly in the wind tunnel, and explored topographical maps with a screen projected onto sand. They learned about rocks, magnetism, and sound waves. They also enjoyed exploring an Earthquake table, VR headsets, and robots. It was an exceptional way to spend our last day of summer program.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Judy Shinn, Wishram School's second and third grade teacher came and read with our students each day of summer program. She also provided us with instruction of Klickitat Valley Hospital's "100 Days of Summer." This time was filled with fun, activities, journaling, goal setting and much more. Thank you for your time Mrs. Shinn!







FIELD TRIPS

Our first fieldtrip was with Gorge Ecology Outdoors, we took our students to Horsethief Park where we rafted, fished, hiked and found Native American Petro glyphs, and played team building games. Thanks for a great time GEO!

Risi Howard of Howard's Haven Animal Sanctuary treated us to a day full of learning about farm animals. It was an exceptionally hot day, and a lot of sunscreen was applied, but we still learned about markings on animals, and the names of the parts of different animals. We also learned about safety around animals like goats, cows and horses. Thanks for the t-shirts Risi!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wishram Students are looking forward to a new year of REACH, hopefully without masks, and having our partners visit us in-person. We are currently setting up plans with Arts in Education of the Gorge and Portland Art Museum for the next school year. We are currently

moving REACH to a larger room at Wishram School, this will provide us more space to work in, YAY!







Student Highlight

GRACIE WHITE (2ND GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"I really get to do super exciting stuff. And the great thing of all is that Mrs. Ringer is there. $\mbox{\tt "}$

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"I liked making paper sack puppets and Marionette puppets, and Heidi Larson with her Planet Earth Science Exploration and visiting Howards Haven Animal Sanctuary...I loved the dogs and the cows and the horses."

What have you learned recently?

"I learned a lot about earthquakes on the earthquake table"



