



Summer 2019

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REACH is a program of
Educational Service District 112

Wishram



In collaboration with the Wishram School District

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We have been having a blast during our summer school programming, participating in many hands-on activities and experiences. The students are very excited about their learning, and they journal about it daily.

GRANT PARTNERS

We are so thankful to have such amazing and special grant partners. We started our summer programming by meeting Cascadia Adventure School at Horsethief State Park. Here we learned how to row a raft as a team, weigh "fools gold" and measure and round the length of our fishing line cast, and much more. After lunch we loaded the bus to go on a hike up, and up, and up to the top of Horsethief Butte Trail Head. The following week a small group of sixth through 11th graders went on a rafting and camping trip down the Klickitat River. We met up with a group from Lyle and we had an absolute blast.

Amy Gray, from Artists in Education of the Gorge visited us on June 21st, Summer Solstice. We practiced water coloring native plants and then went on to learn about the moon, sun, and the seasons. Some beautiful sun and moon paintings were created with watercolor pencils and some water. The following week Amy arrived with fabric, embroidery floss, and sewing needles, students spent the afternoon embroidering and sewing a small bag. All the students made such interesting creations.

Did you hear drumming on a Wednesday afternoon? Tim Snyder and the Underground Music Station came by and taught us the basics of drumming and even left us with a drum set, WOW!

Jess Graff stopped by on the last day of Summer Program and we made some really cool recycled art projects.

Fort Vancouver Regional Library brought us some really cool presenters. We started with the Science Teller and her presentation on Escape from Earth. We learned about magnetism, chemical reactions and more. Mo Phillips came by and we learned about recording music and we recorded a song that we created together as a team.

Abby Brandt the local 4-H Coordinator joined up with Klickitat Health Department for a great Farm to Table day. We harvested, strawberries and eggs. We enjoyed our lunch on the beautiful lawn of the LeFever-Holbrook Ranch. Later that day we used our harvested products to make some delicious food.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We would like to thank our local community members for their time, kindness and expertise in teaching us about their work and passions. Wishram Fire Department gave another educational and fun filled morning at their firehall. We learned about the differences between fire trucks for house fires and brush fires. We also had an opportunity to try on the extremely heavy gear that keeps our fire fighters safe when they are fighting fires and keeping us safe. Students had a great time at Wonder Works museum in The Dalles, students played on the "grocery store", painted, and created plays. Their favorite was making a plastic bead design and then ironing it until it melted together. During the last week of Summer Program, Mrs. Evelyn Biggs taught students how to tie and rubber band shirts to make designs on fabric. We then squirted RIT dye in certain patterns so students could create their one-of-a-kind tie dye t-shirt. This was such a great learning opportunity.

FIELD TRIPS

We went on many great field trips this summer! We started with a trip to the Oregon Zoo, and while a lot of the zoo was under construction, we still had a great time. Some our favorites were the chimpanzee trying to kiss Abby, and the sleeping bobcat snuggled right up against the glass wall. The following week Kindergarten through 5th grade went to The Portland Children's Museum. The students had so much fun we could barely get our students off the theatre stage, or the outdoor jungle gym areas. OMSI was a great adventure! Learning about Pixar, the old submarine, and a movie about the Secret Ocean. Wings and Waves water slide park was a splashtacular trip, it was coupled with a scavenger hunt at the McMinnville Aviation Museum.



Student Highlight



ALYSSA FLETCHER (5TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"Getting to spend time with my friends and doing the art activities.."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"Something fun I did in REACH recently was going to OMSI, the Oregon Zoo and the Portland Children's Museum, and I also enjoyed our visiting artists. They were the most fun."

What have you learned recently?

"I have learned a lot about food and how the farmers grow it. I have also learned about art, how they make it and the supplies you need to make a project."



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