



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

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NEWSLETTER



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In collaboration with the Wishram School District

SPRING ACTIVITIES

During February and March, we completed many fun, enriching and educational activities. Sign language is always a favorite. We also did resist wax and watercolor painting and step-by-step drawing lessons. We studied jellyfish and created a slide show about them, and we made a beaded jellyfish key chain. By far, our favorite activity was learning to make no-bake cookies—YUMMY!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Due to COVID-19 our plans with grant partners, field trips and parent events were interrupted. Although we did not have the REACH program very long in person, we did meet virtually and transitioned to a full technology-oriented REACH program. Miss Sheila held daily "live" sign language classes and one of her children would read a book out loud while Miss Sheila signed it. We had a volunteer, Mrs. Shinn, who read a book to the students in the early mornings, and Miss Kristen read *James and the Giant Peach* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Our Secondary students were given the opportunity to join the online book club which read the book, *The Book Thief*. This is a fantastic read—we highly recommend it!

For our students that simply had no access to the internet, Miss Kristen drove to their house twice a week to check on them and read them a story from afar, while wearing a face mask.

FIELD TRIPS

Our REACH students had a wonderful time on our field trip to Portland to watch the Harlem Globetrotters. They were amazed with the athleticism, humor and antics of the team! The older students—our "mentors"—were excellent role models and were an important extra set of eyes when keeping count of our many young participants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

During summer school we have made plans with Arts in Education of the Gorge and Gorge Ecology. We are also creating fun activities to bring to our students each day of summer REACH programming.



Student Highlight

ALaura McCULLOUGH (10TH GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

"My favorite thing about REACH is that Miss Sheila and Miss Kristen are always accessible, and that there is a broad selection of learning that occurs during the before and after school program. My absolute favorite thing I have ever done with REACH is Rafting with Cascadia Adventure School. They created a really neat environment to build responsibility, our outdoor skills, and teamwork."

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

"We went to the Harlem Globetrotters game in Portland. It was a blast!!!"

What have you learned recently?

"I enjoy helping my mom with her sign language class. When I am mentoring, I have learned patience and how to work with young children."

