

SUMMER READING CAMP

newsletter



SURFING TO THE B.E.S.T IN READING!

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings Families!

We had an exciting week of learning as our campers continued to ride the wave toward literacy success! Thank you for partnering with us to make Summer Reading Camp a positive and productive experience for all students.

-Mrs. G. Felder-Way

SMK8 Summer Camp Director

ATTENDANCE HELPS US REACH NEW SHORES!

Every day at Summer Reading Camp is an opportunity to learn, grow, and build confidence. Regular attendance helps students stay on course and reach their literacy goals.

Thank you for helping us
"Catch the Wave of Literacy Success!"

Together, we are making this summer one to remember.

FAMILY LITERACY TIP

Try reading together as a family each night. Ask your child questions about the story, such as:

- Who was your favorite character?
- What was the problem in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?

These conversations help strengthen comprehension and vocabulary skills.

ACTIVITIES TO INTERGRATE READING AND MATH

- The "I Spy" Rhyming Graph: Pick a highly visual picture book. Ask your child to spot things that rhyme or start with a specific letter sound, count how many they can find, and use building blocks to create a simple number tower stack representing that number.
- Storytime Hopscotch: Read a rhyming/counting book. Draw a grid on the sidewalk. Have them read/repeat the number word, sound out the rhythm, and jump the corresponding number of times.
- Graphing Favorite Books: Gather a small pile of your child's books. Have them sort the books into categories based on reading the titles or covers. Then, help them build a simple bar graph using Legos to see which category wins.

SEAS THE DAY CELEBRATION! ICE CREAM THURSDAY



READING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

UPCOMING DATES

JUNE 15TH -16TH

JUNE 22ND -24TH



Spotlight ON LEARNING

Primary Montessori



This week in our Primary Montessori classroom, students explored beginning sounds, sight words, colors, patterns, and 2D shapes through hands-on activities and collaborative work. They practiced identifying and creating patterns. In math, the students built confidence with addition and subtraction using concrete materials, helping them develop a deeper understanding of number relationships. We are proud of their curiosity, concentration, and growing independence!

Pre-K

This week, Pre-K students enjoyed reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle while practicing letter and letter-sound recognition, story sequencing, and retelling key events. Through engaging literacy activities, students strengthened their comprehension and vocabulary skills.

Family Tip: Read with your child each day and ask them to retell the story using the beginning, middle, and end to build comprehension and confidence as a reader.



First Grade

Our first graders had an amazing second week at Summer Reading Camp! Students are becoming more confident readers each day and are showing a growing love for reading. Through engaging games, hands-on activities, small-group instruction, and personalized lessons, students practiced important reading skills while having fun. They enjoyed reading decodable books, participating in phonics activities, and working together to reach their individual reading goals. It has been exciting to watch students celebrate their successes and encourage one another along the way. We are proud of the progress our young readers are making and look forward to catching even bigger waves of reading success in the weeks ahead!

Second Grade

The Second Grade Crew is embarking on a novel study to cover some of our ELA standards. Our book is entitled "Donavan's Word Jar". Donovan loves to collect words that are interesting to him. The students have decorated their own word jar and they are working on filling up their jars with interesting words and definitions. The students are really enjoying this book while expanding their vocabulary.

Third Grade

Our Summer Reading Camp students have been diving into the world of syllables! Over the past two weeks, we have focused on closed syllables, one of the building blocks of reading. A closed syllable is a syllable that ends with a consonant, which usually causes the vowel to make its short sound. Words like cat, picnic, basket, and sunset are great examples.

Why is this important? Strong readers don't memorize every word they encounter—they learn patterns that help them decode unfamiliar words. Understanding closed syllables gives students a strategy for reading longer, multisyllabic words with confidence and accuracy, an essential skill for success in the classroom and beyond.

Beachside Reading Tip: While reading together at home, challenge your child to find words with short vowel sounds. For an extra challenge, clap out the syllables in longer words and see if you can identify any closed syllables. Turning reading into a game is a fun way to strengthen decoding skills and build confident readers!

We are proud of the hard work our students are putting in as we continue Surfing to the B.E.S.T. in Reading!

