

SUMMER SUCCESS!



**CREATING SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMIC
GROWTH THAT STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS
WILL GET EXCITED ABOUT!**

SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP



THE GOAL:

To provide elementary age students who are at risk or below grade level with literacy support during the summer to help close the learning gap before the school year begins!

PARTICIPANTS



Who are the students we need to reach?

Rising kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders

Assessments, PAL scores, and teacher recommendations were used to determine camp invitees

PROGRAM



How can we best “close the gap” and prevent summer learning loss?

Offer programming closer to the start of the school year!

Summer Adventure Camp in July!
5 days/week for 4 weeks from 8:30-11:30am

Snack and Sack Lunch provided

Transportation is available for all students at no cost to the parent

THE SELLING POINTS!



SMALL TEACHER/ STUDENT RATIO

12 student max/ classroom; 1 teacher and 1 TA/ class

SINGLE FOCUS ON LITERACY

Allows teachers and staff to focus all activities towards teaching, reviewing, and reinforcing one set of skills

FREE PROGRAMMING

Fun activities, field trips, 2 meals per day, personalized instruction, transportation provided... all at no cost to parents!

KEY ELEMENTS



- **EMPHASIS ON LITERACY**
- **EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**
- **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

EMPHASIS ON LITERACY



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Kindergarten and 1st Grade

- Super Kids! Summer kits used for both grades
- Condensed 10 week curriculum to 4 weeks
- Incorporated teacher developed activities as needed

2nd Grade

- Hybrid of LLI, Foundations, and teacher designed activities
 - Matched school day and afterschool intervention structure
- Seamless transition from summer skills to school year

EMPHASIS ON LITERACY



- **READING**

- By the teacher
- As a class
- In small groups
- individually

- **RETELLING**

- Music
- Puppet Shows
- Dramatizations

- **WRITING ACTIVITIES**

- Journals
- Postcards
- Class Stories

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



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- Weekly Field Trips
 - Hot Air Balloon Demonstration
 - Claytor Nature Center
 - Water Day
 - Amazement Square
- Daily Exploration of the School Grounds
- Classroom Crafts and Projects
- Weekly Recipes
- NatureZone lessons

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- **Classroom Connections**
 - Sending home notes for each child, weekly phone calls, recipes for families to do together, books to read at home, etc.
- **Weekly Postcards**
 - Students send home a postcard each Friday with a picture and short retelling of what they learned that week! Parents stay informed, and students receive mail!
- **Activity Volunteers**
- **Field Trip Chaperones**
- **Family Reading Nights**
 - Every Wednesday night, families join us for a puppet show, book reading, light refreshments, and library check out!
- **Family Day**
 - Each class creates a presentation to share on our final day of Adventure Camp to show their parents what they have made and what they have learned!