

Extended School Year

**Kansas School for the Deaf
June 10th—June 28th, 2019**



The theme for the Extended School Year (ESY) program at Kansas School for the Deaf is *World Civilizations– Ancient & Modern*. For the past three weeks, 92 students from Early Childhood Center through Secondary School enjoyed learning about different types of ancient and modern civilizations. The World Civilizations – Ancient & Modern theme showed the process of how civilizations change through the time in three main areas: building, inventions, and technology from ancient to present day. Those processes being taught during ESY were demonstrated through field trips, project-based activities for our students. The students and staff really enjoyed learning about world civilizations, and we saw that students really got the concept of how world civilizations changed and how it affected our lifestyle around the world.

This newsletter is for you to look through and see what your child had learned during the ESY program! Enjoy!



World Civilizations– Ancient & Modern

Learning all about Civilizations!

By Melissa Leitheiser, Pre-K and Kindergarten Teacher

First, we learned about the Ancient China Civilization and the concept about The Great Wall of China. We learned the signification of dragons in Chinese parades. We also made Chinese lanterns. We learned how the Ancient Chinese built the Great Wall and their purpose of their building it which was to keep their enemies out. We saw pictures of the Great Wall of China taken from space.

After learning about Ancient Chinese, we learned about Ancient Egyptians. We learned about the Ancient Egyptian's written language, the hieroglyphics. We did some practice with hieroglyphics by writing our names in hieroglyphics. We learned the concept behind Egypt's famous landmark, the Pyramids & Sphinx. We learned why the Egyptians had pyramids. It was actually used as a tomb of their pharaohs! We made Egyptian chest plate out of paper plates and enjoyed drawing Egyptian pictures on the plate.

We also learned about Ancient Greece, Rome Gladiators, food, Olympics, and Roman columns. We watched some movies and tried food associated to each of the ancient countries we studied about. We learned about how ancient people made/built the structures we studied in each civilization.

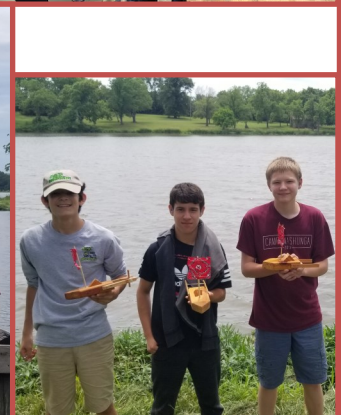


Cedar Lake

By Jamaika Jones, High School Student

During the first week of ESY, students from 7th grade to 12th grade went to the wood shop on KSD's campus to learn how to build small-scaled boat out of wood and using tools that they would use during the Ancient Civilizations. The students were amazed how difficult it is to build a small-scaled boat than it is using modernized tools/machines. The students then tested their boats out at KSD's swimming pool to see if it needed any adjustment.

On Friday, June 14th, the students went on a field trip to Cedar Lake near KSD to test out their boats. The students placed their wood boats in the water at the lake, and the boats floated away. With the wind, we later saw that some of the boats were turned upside down. Only three of the boats arrived back, first by Logan Green, Angel Lira and Bane Spurlin. All the students had a blast at Cedar Lake.



Week 1 Field Trip for 3rd Grade-12th Grade: Steamboat Arabia and Toy Museum

By Valerie Watson, ESY Administrative Assistant

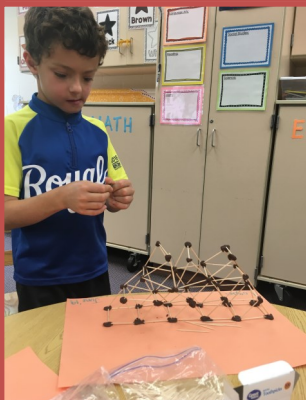
The KSD students and staff from 3rd grade to 12th grade went on an interesting field trip to the Steamboat Arabia Museum and the Toy & Miniature Museums, both in Kansas City, Missouri. They saw many different displays at both museums and how things changed over time from the 1700s to present-day, especially with toys and living needs such as old plates, silverwares, bottles, and jars of foods, and the list goes on!



Agriculture, Industry and More!

By Nicole Conrad, 1st/2nd Grade Teacher

During the first week of ESY, we have been introduced to two of the Ancient Civilizations, the Egyptians and Chinese. We learned about the climates, the daily life of the people, their inventions and many more! While we immersed ourselves in learning about Ancient Egypt and Ancient China, we learned a lot of new vocabulary words! We were challenged with building a pyramid with toothpicks and modeling clay and testing our catapults from art class to see who can shoot our homemade slime the furthest with the catapults. We painted our names using hieroglyphics and calligraphy translators. Our plans for creating a Rahat System, an ancient irrigation model that is a wheel and often turned by oxen, did not work out as we hoped.



Week 2 Field Trip for Early Childhood to 2nd Grade:

Johnson County Museum

By Valerie Watson, ESY Administrative Assistant

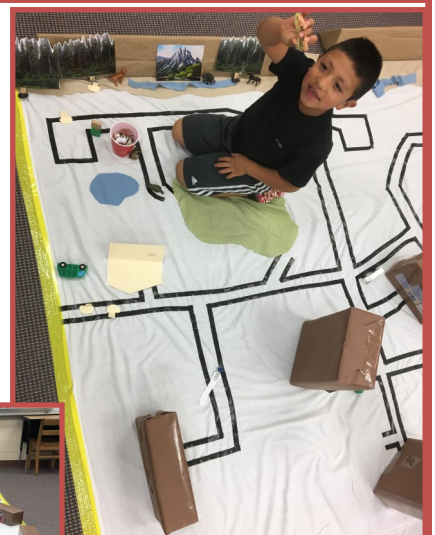
On their first field trip of the summer school, Early Childhood- 2nd grade students traveled to Johnson County Museum in Overland Park, Kansas, to check out the history of how the cities in Johnson County evolved from rural farms to bustling cities within 100 years. It had some interesting displays such as true-life 1950s all-electric house completely inside the building, old cars, old typewriter, and old technologies. After the students toured the museum, they played in the Kidscape area of the museum, learning how people and businesses in a community work together to make a city successful. The students really enjoyed that part very much!



Speech Corner

By Pam Boerner and Jackie Grant, ESY SLPs

ESY in the Speech and Language Therapy room has been a blast this summer. We have focused on modern civilization by building a city! We have included mountains, a forest, parks, lakes, and numerous buildings such as a school, library, fire station, restaurant, one and two story houses, a post office, fire station, strip mall, fast food restaurants, a court house, Starbucks and many more!! The students have worked on the names of various buildings in English and ASL. In addition, they have worked on building their Semantic skills by focusing on categories, associations, whole/part vocabulary, and similarities and differences throughout their "city". Our Speech and Language City has been a big hit as the students have improved their communication skills in ESY!!



Inventions and More!

By Nicole Conrad, 1st/2nd Grade Teacher

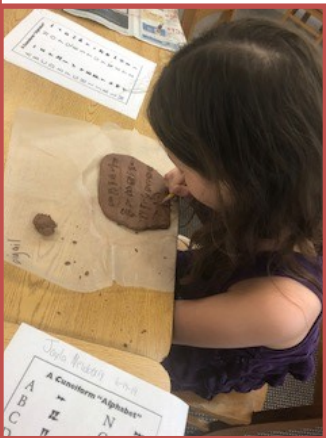
During the 2nd week of ESY, our study of Ancient Civilizations continued with learning about Ancient Romans. Our field trips to the Johnson County Heritage and Art Museum and the Science City led us to exploring how life was like in 1950s and 1960s in Johnson County and a variety of aspects of our world. Examples included different aspects that contribute to civilization such as schools, markets, hospitals, restaurants, et cetera. At the Science City, we had fun playing around with different types of simple machines, unearthing fossils, playing around with water, participating in a tug-of-war with a giant lever, a "motel" with different illusions that play with our minds and many more. We built the Great Wall of China and made a water wheel.



5th & 6th Grade Learning about Ancient Egypt

By Jalaila Lyles, ESY 5th/6th Grade Teacher

During the 2nd week of ESY, our class made a shadoof/shaduf. Ask your child what this or google it! We learned about the process of preserving mummies, and made mummy dogs! They were delicious!



Swimming Time at KSD!

By Wendell Pratt, ESY Lifeguard

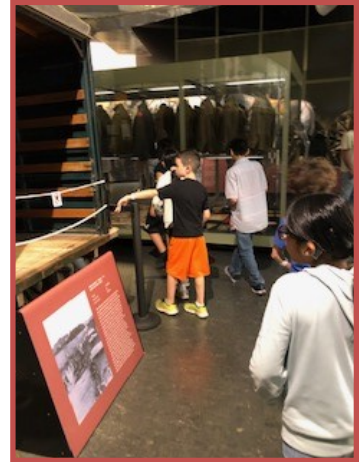
As an experienced swimming teacher, teaching at YMCA for several years, Lifeguard Wendell took about 15 minutes out of swimming time every day to teach the students how to swim. The kids, especially the younger group, really enjoyed learning different swimming techniques and skills. It is remarkable to see how much their skills have improved every time the students go swimming.



Week 2 Field Trip for 3rd Grade-12th Grade: Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and World War I Museum

By Valerie Watson, ESY Administrative Assistant

On June 17th, students from 3rd to 12th grades visited two different museums, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (NAMA) and World War I Museum, both in Kansas City, Missouri. We were fortunate to be able to take some interesting workshops at NAMA, learning about Ancient Discoveries. The students did some activities about the things they learned at the workshop. They then visited the WWI museum to learn how war technologies have changed over time comparing to present day war technologies.



Hopping into Emery Hall

By Takako Kerns, ESY Art Teacher

One of our art projects during ESY this summer was adding the foot print of our school mascot of Jackrabbit Jr. hopping on the sidewalk into our Emery Hall main entrance way and the entrance way leading to Early Childhood Center on the another side of the building. Here are pictures of the footprints hopping into Emery Hall.



Week 2 Field Trip K-2nd Grade: Science City

By Valerie Watson, Senior Administrative Assistant

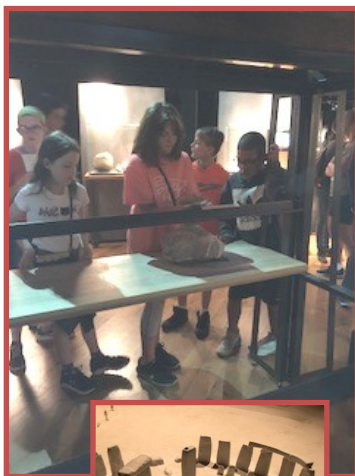
During week 2 of ESY, K-2nd grade classes traveled to Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, to check out Science City. Science City has many different fun and neat hands-on activities that students can check out. Science City also has several different kinds of simple machines that students can play with to help them understand the concept of ancient inventions which they learned in classroom and how those simple machines led people to invent complex machines and technologies that shaped our modern-day civilizations.



Week 2 Field Trip Grade 3-12: Stonehenge Exhibition & Scavenger Hunt

By Valerie Watson, Senior Administrative Assistant

During week 2 of ESY, 3-12th grade classes traveled to Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri to check out the exhibition of *Stonehenge: Ancient Mysteries and Modern Discoveries* and did a scavenger hunt. From Ms. Jalaila Lyles, 5th/6th grade teacher: "We saw some short films, did a scavenger hunt, browsed different displays of artifacts, tools, sarsens, bluestones, and models of the Stonehenge. It was very interesting! " Go and check it out when you can as it is an exhibition featuring at Union Station for a limited time.



Week 3 Field Trip for Grade 1-12

Money Museum, McDonald's and Subtropolis

By Valerie Watson, ESY Administrative Assistant

During the 3rd week of ESY, grade 1-12 went to the Money Museum at Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City where they learned about the history of money and how it changed through time. The students then had a lunch at McDonald's before they head off to Subtropolis. There at Subtropolis, it is actually the world's largest underground business complex, it felt like an underground city in there since one could drive through it! It was pretty neat to see.

For would receive a receipt indicating the goldsmith. This practice occurred as early as and the exchange of the receipts between took on the function of money.

State Bank Notes



State Bank Note, Bank of Washtenaw - 1835

State Bank Note, Drovers Bank - 1835
The charter for the Second Bank of the United States expired in 1836, it ushered in the Free Banking Era. Banks such as the Bank of Washtenaw, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and The Drovers Bank, Leavenworth, Kansas, also issued their own currency during the Free Banking Era, which saw more than 30,000 varieties of currency. Many notes were easily counterfeited.

Civil War Era Currency



FEDERAL RESERVE BANK of KANSAS CITY



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Early Childhood Visits Wonderscope the Children's Museum of Kansas City

By Gigi Doubrava, ESY Early Childhood Teacher

On June 19th, the Early Childhood students went on a short but fun field trip to Wonderscope Museum. At Wonderscope, there were many hands-on exhibitions and things for the ECC students to play with. This helped them to learn how things work in a scientific way through play. The students all really enjoyed the museum and did not want to leave when it was time to go!



Me and Mini Me Swimming Time!

By Gigi Doubrava ESY EC Teacher

On June 28th, Early Childhood and staff went to Olathe Community Center during their Me & Mini Me Swim program. For your information, Olathe Community Center opens up their leisure pool to parents and children age 5 and under on Mondays-Fridays. Me & Mini Swim is a perfect time to bring your kids to help them get acclimated to the pool in a safe environment. It contains zero depth area & fun aquatic play center which are a perfect pool fun for our ECC students. If interested, please check out their website for more information: <https://www.olatheks.org/residents/community-center/pool>.



A Day Out at Lenexa Recreational Center

By Valerie Watson, Senior Administrative Assistant

On June 26th, Elementary and Secondary students went to Lenexa Recreational Center in Lenexa, Kansas. It is the first time for our ESY program to visit the center as the building of the center was completed just last summer. This field trip was to celebrate the closing of their time at KSD for Extended School Year.

The students and staff ate sack lunch there in the courtyard outside between the Recreational Center and the Johnson County Library. After eating their lunch, the students went swimming in the indoor swimming pool. It had a lot of fun pool features for the students to play such as lazy river, beach entry area, slides and many more to list. Best yet, they did not have to worry about getting sunburnt. It was a nice break from school for the students and staff, and they all enjoyed themselves.



Old Film Projector

By Ravin Greene, High School Student

On Monday, June 24th, we were having a classroom discussion about Subtropolis since we would be going there the next day on a field trip. We discussed about what is being stored in there at Subtropolis. We learned that there is a company that stores old movie reels for safekeeping. The discussion about movie reels led us to have another discussion about our old film projector at KSD. We went to get the old film projector out and found out that it still worked. We were able to watch old Kansas School for the Deaf news made in the 1960s. We then went through the 1960s yearbooks to match the faces from the movies to the picture and names from the yearbook. While we were looking through the yearbook, we learned that the old Emery Hall building was located across the street at where now is KSD Football field and that Roberts building was still located in the same place as it is now.

We shared our findings with the entire elementary and secondary students on the last day of school on June 28th. We compared the old time pictures on the projectors with the present day slideshow of what we did during ESY the past three weeks that our ESY Administrative Assistant, Valerie Watson made for the students to watch. It was a nice closing to Extended School Year 2019!



A big THANK YOU to the following people for helping making ESY 2019 a successful one!



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Don't forget....
KSD First Day of School is:
August 19th, 2019!!

