



## OCCDA Virtual Summer Camp



*Students receiving their summer camp completion certificates.*

It's safe to say that the summer of COVID-19 really tested our adaptability. With this in mind, the OCCDA turned to apps like Zoom and Class Dojo to offer a completely virtual six-week summer camp program. A collective of 36 elementary students from grades 1-5 hailing from Oxford Circle and surrounding areas came together. Our campers made the best of their time by participating in many activities including story time, history, literacy, art, and STEM courses. Music and dance sessions were also held throughout the week all led by accredited teachers. Through the virtual program, students were able to watch videos, comment, and discuss the topics with one another during live tutoring sessions.

Group leaders also went the extra mile and provided SEL and Community Unity sessions every morning. This allowed students to interact with one another through games and activities which highlighted the after school program creed and SEL concepts. Students were excited to be able to catch up with their peers they otherwise would not have been able to see because of the pandemic.

### **The summer camp was so awesome!**

"It really helped my daughter Rolanda prepare for 1st grade. Both her teachers are fantastic, kid friendly and hardworking." ----- Patricia Nukah, parent

### **My kids were never bored!**

Students received all of the supplies they needed to create projects from home. By the end of the program, students had created their very own straw art masterpieces, DIY sidewalk chalk, and DIY parachutes!

### **A summer to remember**

"Summer camp was so much fun! I wish we could keep doing Community Unity after today. I am going to miss making the projects and getting the prizes. Could you guys visit us soon?"----- Shadina, student

The summer camp was a huge hit with a lot of the parents. Many parents explained how this camp helped prepare their children for the next stage of life with skills such as independence and motivation. Thanks to the OCCDA, many families made the best of a challenging situation and children were left wanting to make even more memories! The summer camp was funded by the PA Dept. of Education Nita M.

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## **Matching Gift Opportunity**

OCCDA has received a matching pledge that will match every dollar (up to \$10,000 total) of recurring donations made to OCCDA in 2020.

So far, we have been able to raise over \$8,000!

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