

A message from our Summer Program Director

“Hello, families!

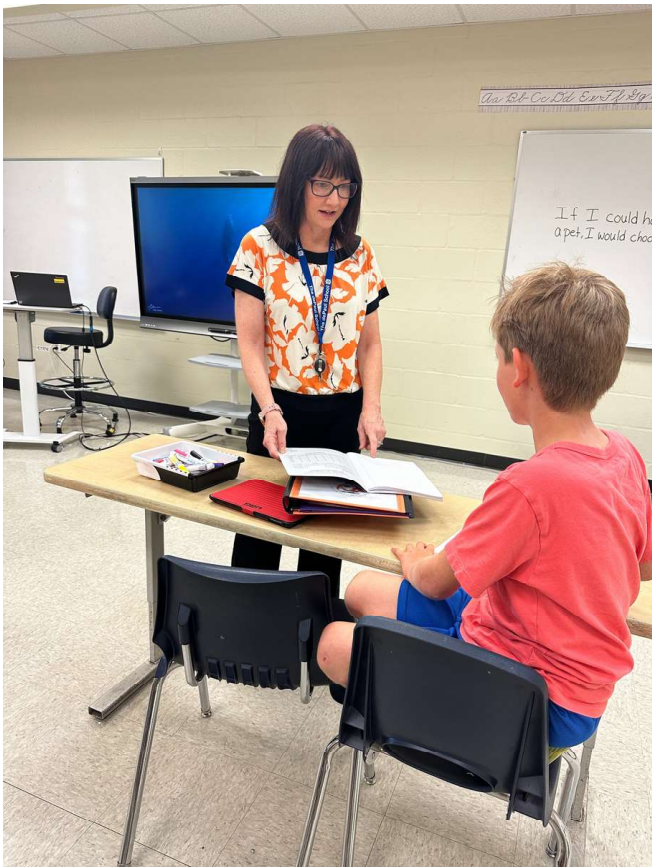
This summer has been full of learning, experiments, and so much fun! In reading and writing, our younger students have been working on blending their letter sounds, and our older students have been working on various digraphs and building their vocabulary. In mathematics, the students have been solving math mysteries and strengthening their foundational skills. In STEM, our students have become engineers and problem-solvers. In the afternoons, our students have learned American Sign Language and participated in various physical activities and team-building activities. The summer has been a blast for not only the students but also for me and the rest of the staff. Thank you for choosing dePaul this summer, and we look forward to the continuation of camp in July!”

- Emily Galvin



Teacher Spotlight!

Mrs. Lindsay talks about what students are working on in Writing!



“Jon Klassen, an acclaimed author and illustrator of children’s literature, was the focus of this week’s summer camp classes. The students delved into all three of Klassen’s beloved ‘hat’ books: This Is Not My Hat, We Found A Hat, and I Want My Hat Back. Under the guidance of myself, a dedicated writing instructor, each class received personalized assignments tailored to their needs. Following their exploration of the books, students engaged in lively class discussions covering setting, theme, character development, plot elements, conflict, and tone. They honed their writing skills through various tasks, from crafting essays on a missing hat to composing concise expository paragraphs on ‘what to do if your hat is stolen.’ Even our youngest participants contributed by illustrating scenes from the stories and complementing them with their own sentences. It was a dynamic week of creativity and learning in the realm of writing, and the students eagerly anticipated showcasing their work on the bulletin boards for all to admire.” - Mrs. Lindsay

Blissful Art!

This summer, students in the dePaul Summer Enrichment Program have been having a blast engaging in art workshops hosted by Blissful Balance. These workshops aim to use art's healing powers while building a fun and supportive community where everyone can feel relaxed and true to themselves. Guided by an educator who knows both psychology and art, these sessions offer a safe place to tackle challenges like adjusting, socializing, coping with loss, and dealing with fears through art.

Alumni Spotlight: Natasha Wooley

Natasha, a dePaul alumni, has been volunteering this summer with some of our students at the Summer Enrichment Program!

How did dePaul help you?

I was at dePaul from 2014-2017 in the Traditional Program. dePaul really helped me improve not just my reading skill but my ability to put in effort and get through things that are difficult. I can better manage my time and heavy workload this summer. Aside from helping me work through problems, dePaul was most beneficial in developing my reading, writing, and general literacy skills.

What do you still find difficult in school?

In school I do well in all of my classes and have won awards in English. I do, however, still struggle with my spelling a little and tend to take longer on assignments and assessments even though I know the subject matter.

What do you wish you would have learned at dePaul?

I wished I had learned how to move at a bit quicker pace because when I entered the public school system, I was always working at a slower pace than the other kids; but on the bright side, I was doing just as well as they were.

What do you wish to be when you grow up? What do you love to do?

When I graduate, I want to go into law, writing, or political science. I love reading, writing, painting/drawing, and soccer.

