



Summer Learning Program

This year at Renaissance Academy, we offered a summer learning program to students going into grades 3-5, which was titled Summer of S.T.E.A.M. Close to 60 students joined the instructional and arts integration teachers during a four week program from July 17- August 11 with a focus on the theme, "Rocketry." This program ran Monday- Friday, 8-3 pm with breakfast, lunch and snacks provided. Student transportation was provided through a contract with First Student.

Teachers planned lessons which incorporated science, technology and engineering during ELA, Math and the arts block. Students were grouped based on ability into homerooms named Apollo, Juno, Atlas and Delta. They transitioned throughout the day into classes with a center-based approach to instruction. Direct instruction, small group and independent learning opportunities were provided to students daily along with an opportunity for students to receive regular, individualized RTI intervention. Students engaged in problem-based learning in the development of various types of homemade rockets. During the arts integration block, teachers used techno music as a bridge to integrate music about STEM and concepts about science. Students also worked on writing complete thoughts, dance and music history while creating, composing and choreographing original work. Students were also taught how to properly critique music and dance and developed Haiku with elements of art (cool colors vs. warm colors).

Our teachers were open, flexible and great team players as we fashioned what this program needed to look like for our students this summer. We are gathering information so we can inform and revise our processes to make this an even better offering for students in the future. Check out the RA webpage for pictures and videos of our students and staff hard at work at having FUN! during the summer of STEAM.