

# SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



With the conclusion of its 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the **SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP** continues to enrich the lives of our campers, one summer at a time!

This year's camper class consisted of ten rising third graders, ten rising fourth graders, and ten rising fifth graders. Our wonderful returning camp directors, Mary Herman and Cameron Trego, oversaw a quality teaching staff of college seniors and graduates from Susquehanna University's Education Department:

- Senior teacher: Ryan Pelletier
- Lead teachers: Kelsey Kline (third grade), McKenzie Sweet (third grade), Sarah Mahoney (fourth grade), Evelyn Atwood (fifth grade)
- Assistant teachers: Taylor Delbaugh (third grade), Makyla Seeger (fourth grade), Robbie Long (fifth grade)

We were also fortunate to have the assistance of an AmeriCorps volunteer, Kirsten Adee, as well as several foster grandparents: Barb Bennett, Betsy Einsig, Carole Leininger, and Marsha Thomas.

SSDC wouldn't be possible without the support of our Selinsgrove Area School District partners, including school counselors Amy Veach and Judy Fatchaline, along with Principal Matt Conrad and Assistant Principal Jason Schmucker.

Each year, our teachers develop separate educational units to improve the campers' core reading and math skills. This year's units focused on growth mindset, space, and resourcefulness. Special events included trips to the Reading Public Museum & Planetarium, R.B. Winter State Park, and AMC Selinsgrove to see "Ferdinand." Also, our teachers actually transformed the class room into a court room by scripting and directing our campers in a theater performance of "Goldilocks vs. the Three Bears"!

In order to track the progress of the campers' learning, the teaching staff takes skill measurements during the summer, which are reflected in the following tables:

**Fact Fluency (average # correct out of 75 in 5 minutes)**

	6/12/18	6/26/18	7/9/18	7/23/18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	36.1	38.8	35.6	33.9
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	34.8	39.2	33.2	31.3
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	45.7	55.4	51.0	53.6

**Math Concepts (average # correct out of 10):**

	6/14/18	7/25/18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	5.3	5.7
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6.5	6.7
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6.7	6.7

**Reading Concepts (DAZE - benchmark) (average actual score):**

	6/13/18	7/2/18	7/23/18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4.4	7.4	6.8
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	15.2	18.0	19.9
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13.6	16.3	17.6

**Reading Concepts (DORF – Passage 1.1) (average words correct):**

	6/12/18	7/3/18	7/24/18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	57.6	59.3	64.1
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	96.9	10.10	97.5
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	88.6	98.1	104.4

To give back to the community, the campers hosted a car wash fundraiser and collected clothing to support the Mustard Seed, a non-profit thrift store located in Selinsgrove. We also picnicked with some of our most generous supporters, the members of the Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club. And we celebrated the end of camp together with our annual graduation ceremony!

SSDC is blessed with many dedicated community volunteers, especially our Board members (listed below) who are focused on ensuring the quality of the program in a fiscally responsible manner. The Board continues to highlight SSDC's success through newsletters, our Facebook page, and our website ([www.summerseals.org](http://www.summerseals.org)). Development and sustainability have been constant watchwords for the Board. Mindful of our solemn role as good stewards of our donors' confidence and resources, the Board continues to use the services of Bill Bucher, C.P.A., and the firm of Herring, Roll & Solomon, P.C., to ensure that SSDC's fiscal affairs are properly executed. Donna Ross continues to assist with the Board's administrative and fundraising responsibilities.

SSDC's designation as an Educational Improvement Organization for purposes of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program continues to provide critical financial support for the portion of our program serving second and third graders. In addition to our many generous donors, the SSDC received substantial EITC contributions from several local banks and other businesses. We exceeded our \$60,000 fundraising goal by almost \$6,000!

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of all our supporters, but especially our program partners: the Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club, the Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation, Susquehanna University (and in particular, its Education Department), and the Selinsgrove Area School District. Their continued commitment to SSDC, its campers and their families inspires us all as we plan to make SUMMER SEALS 2019 better than ever!

*This annual report was compiled and submitted in March 2019 by Mike Piecuch behalf of the SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP Board of Directors:*

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***Our wonderful teachers:***



***A visit by a special guest at our annual carwash fundraiser:***



***Picnicking with our friends from the Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club:***

