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Peabody's Summer of Unity

Unpacking Our Trip From Around The World!



What a Journey Around the World it has been! This summer we explored and appreciated various cultures by traveling to different regions and countries each week. Children and staff deepened their love for learning, embraced culture through activities in the arts, cooking, language, sports, STEM and more. Lessons of compassion, kindness, and community-building were shared with one another during our daily Heart Challenges.

Special events, cultural performances and outdoor adventures brought extra excitement to our days thanks to our partners, Young Audiences of Massachusetts (YAMA), Project Adventure and Peabody Public Schools. Our 9-week program began on June 21st, and concluded on August 20th. The program ran Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm; a total of 450 hours of programming! 237 k-5 Peabody Public School students were enrolled in the summer program.





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Through new partnerships with Young Audiences of Massachusetts (YAMA) and Project Adventure, children experienced a wide array of enrichment projects and learning opportunities both on and off site. Once per week, YAMA performers came to the Higgins and Welch School to teach children about different heritages and develop an appreciation for the cultures that make up our world through traditional and contemporary art forms.



Performances included: musical storytellers Celtic Bells, Award-winning performer and Telemundo star Veronica Robles, Chinese acrobat Li Liu, and more!



YAMA performances were funded by the Summer Step Up Grant through the Department of Early Education and Care/United Way of Mass Bay.



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Once a week, we traveled to Project Adventure in Beverly where children participated in adventure-based activities that promoted communication, problem-solving, and collaboration. Children experienced the Challenge Course elements, such as climbing walls and rope courses, as they stretched out of their comfort zone. While onsite the 60+ acres of land, children also were able to connect with nature!

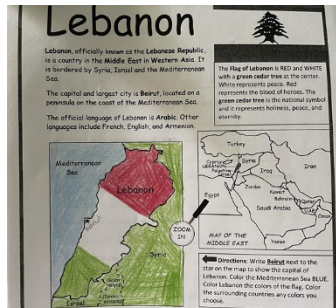


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This summer Peabody Public School teachers facilitated learning activities focused on literacy, math and SEL skill building. Each of the teachers were assigned to a group of 10-15 students and worked with that group during the morning activity blocks for the entirety of summer. The morning block was divided in to sharing circle and group energizer, literacy comes alive, snack and movement break, and math in motion. All of these blocks incorporated our theme "A Journey Around the World."

During the morning blocks, children worked on activities such as writing in travel journals and performing Reader's Theatre. Children learned about different countries' currency and how it related to the US dollar. They drew flags from around the world and some children even got to try foods of different cuisines!



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