



# The Delany Center Daily

## Week of July 11th



### A Note From the Director

Welcome to our 44th summer program! All of us are looking forward to a fruitful, successful, beneficial and fun-filled four weeks. Some of our students are returning from last year, and the years before that, which I think says something positive about our program. Literacy takes many forms, and as its definition says, it includes listening, speaking, reading and writing. Our program will focus on each of these four areas. On our last day, July 28, you will be invited to join the class at 11am, and at that time, you will see and hear the definition of literacy materialized. We are here to help your child become a competent reader, one who enjoys reading, and who will not find it a chore. Communication is very important, so keep in touch. In this issue, you will notice the articles were written by our oldest students. If your child's name is among the missing, it is because our afternoon group were the authors. For next week's issue, everyone will be involved.

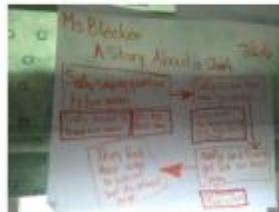
- Sister St. John

### What's happening in the classrooms:

#### 2nd Grade:

By: Johnna and Zoe

In Ms. Courtney's class, she not only teaches the children but inspires them to continue reading and writing. For example, they enjoy learning and completing their work with a "thinking map," which gives them an example of what they are doing. This thinking map also helps them to organize their ideas when writing a paragraph of story. Ms. Courtney models everything by writing down information and acting out a play. Ms. Courtney also teaches them phonics to learn new words and reading.



#### 3rd Grade:

By: Ma

For the first week in Ms. Carolina's class the students met each other and the students started their butterfly unit. Ms. Carolina plans to get a live butterfly kit for the students! The students' project is to learn about the life cycle of butterflies. They will learn about the different parts of the butterfly. Ms. Carolina started reading Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline. She recommends books by Judy Blume as well as the Horrible Harry series.



### Meet the Staff:

Sister St. John-Director  
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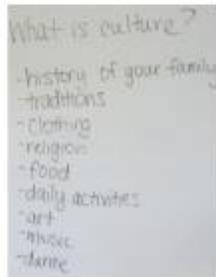
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## What's happening in the 4th/5th grade classroom:

By: Daniel, Isaiah and Cameron

In the first week of class, Ms. Rebecca taught the students going into 4th and 5th grade reading strategies and skills to improve their reading. When we asked Ms. Rebecca, "How are the students behaving?" she said, "They are on their best behavior, participating and actively learning." Ms. Rebecca's class is reading A Bad Case of Stripes, What Do You Do With an Idea?, and Verdi. They participate and do activity learning. Her class continues to learn new vocabulary. They also read fiction books, are studying new cultures and new standards.



## What's happening in the 6th-10th grade classroom:

By: Entire Class

This week in Ms. Anne's and Ms. Danielle's class, we learned many new things. One of the activities was the newspaper articles. We had the ability to choose articles which we read and then shared the main idea and gave our opinion as a class. Another activity was interviewing teachers for our newsletter that you are reading right now! In addition we talked about controversial topics because we were practicing for our debates. Therefore, we are ready to apply our knowledge outside of camp!



## Reminders:

- Please remember to bring a sufficient amount of water for your child. Snacks are also important.
- On Tuesday, July 12th, Sister St. John will meet with parents at 8:30 am.
- On Wednesday, July 13th, parents are invited into the classroom to learn about the program from 8:30 am to 9:00 am.