

Expanded Horizons Summer 2023 Recap



Reading is in Session!



This summer was jam-packed with critical thinking, reading, and creative programs. One of the most integral pillars of our summer program is our reading activities and reading buddies.

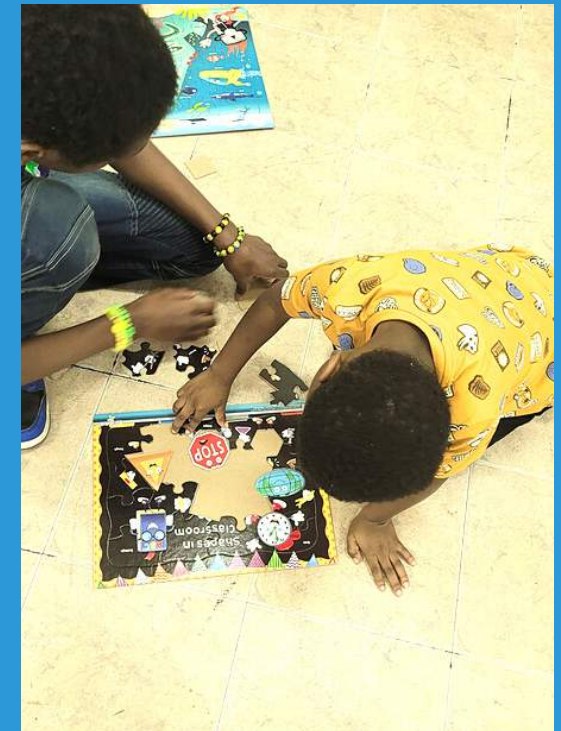
This summer opened doors for an increase in incredible volunteers who helped us reach new heights in our expansion goals of the summer programs.



Puzzle Rama

As often as our team can, we will host a Puzzle-Rama event where we encourage the participating Expanded Horizons students to grab a box of puzzles and create a masterpiece.

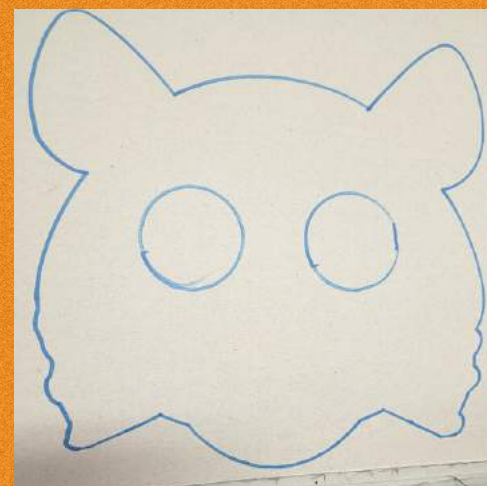
Why Puzzles you ask? We as educators have learned through years of experience that introducing young children to puzzles contributes to hand-eye coordination and fine-motor skills. In addition to these amazing benefits, puzzles also extend a young student's remembering, matching, sorting/organizing, recognizing, and problem-solving skillsets.



Creativity is



A wise individual once said, "every child is an artist." We believe the same. Within many of our activity-based programs, we enable visual creativity to introduce more opportunities for EH students to create works of art with their hands.



STEM & Building

We continue to offer STEM courses to our EH students that introduce them to problem solving with their hands, learning to build systems and strategize both individually and in teams.



Did You Know?

This summer program was met with a wealth of volunteer participation.

Together, volunteers spanning from elementary, middle, high school and adult age ranges joined us to educate, enlighten and inspire over 225 children from the city of Grand Prairie!

“Why We Serve”

Spotlighting Our Devoted Volunteers



"I serve because when I serve I feel most alive! I feel like I am being the hands and feet of Jesus to someone when I am able to help them, fill a need they may have or even putting a smile on their face.

In serving another I can show love to them and let them know they matter."

Ashley Rangel

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"Serving children with Expanded Horizons has been such a blessing to my life, seeing the students joy and tenacity when it comes to learning reminds me why I serve. **I really am able to see the impact I have on each child.**

My mission when serving is to show the love of Jesus to each and every person in the organization and I hope that God will use me as a light to those kids and to other volunteers."

Andrew Behring



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"I want to have an impact on improving the lives of the underserved students in the community in education, reading and math. **I believe developing a young student's reading and math skills at an early age will have an impact on their future endeavors.**"

Royna Williams

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"I serve because I love to help **create an uplifting space for young minds to thrive and succeed.** It is my passion and a part of my purpose to be a steward to others and Expanded Horizons has afforded me incredible opportunities to serve alongside wonderful individuals."

Charlotte Parson

Thank You to Our Volunteers, Donors, Sponsors & Directors for Helping Us Remain Successful & Effective!

We would like to also give a big shoutout and thank you to the Boys and Girls Club of Grand Prairie and The Charley Taylor Recreation Center for allowing us to serve the children enrolled in their summer camps and the Clayton Marks Apartments for helping us provide a safe and fun learning environment for our students.



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