

SA 1 & 2

Weekly Recap

6/11/2021

Building Shelters

Learning about construction and hand tools

We have wrapped up our second week on the island, and this week presented more of a challenge. We worked in small groups to build ourselves outdoor shelters. This was a great experience for us; we learned many lessons.

We used hand tools and plastic screws to hold everything together. We practiced planning size, and some of us made templates to help cut out our materials. We built, tore-down, patched, argued, laughed, and finally moved everything outside! But, the work was not done. We covered everything in plastic to protect against the rain, and placed solar lights to make it feel more like home.

After it was all said and done, we discussed what we learned. Some of us learned that working with tools can be difficult, and it takes a lot of hand strength. Some of us learned that plans don't always turn out the way we intended. Some of our friends learned that it can be hard to work in groups. The biggest lesson we learned is to plan ahead and listen to each other; something every student cited. If you would like to see pictures of the final products scroll to the end of this newsletter. Pictures include the bookmarks we made for reading and also our weekly STEM class project.

STEM

Mr. Aaron helped us to understand insulation. We build devices to help us trap hot and cold energy. We also learned that hypotheses are not always correct. That is way in science we run tests.

“The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life.” -Plato, Philosopher.

A tree is known by its fruit; a person by their deeds. A good deed is never lost; one who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and one who plants kindness gathers love.

- Basil the Great

Splash Days and Kona Ice

Fun on Fridays

This week we had Kona Ice and we had a frozen BLAST! So many flavors, so much sugar!! Our school-age friends helped deliver orders to the younger students and then all got BRAIN FREEZES themselves.

Please remember next Friday is Splash Day. Students participating will need a swimsuit or water acceptable clothing, towels, and dry clothes to change back into. Remember, if you would like us to apply sunscreen, a form will need to be sent BEFORE we can apply it. Please be aware that we request you only send brands of sunscreen that you have used at least once before on your student (allergies).

Next Week June 14 - 18

What to Expect

Each week we will be exploring new things on our island. Since we have finished our unit on shelters, we are moving into HYDROPONICS!

Reading: We are still working on reading. If you have books please feel free to send them in for your child to read. They will be returned to you. Some of the older students are in need of more chapter books. I have some that I will be bringing in, but they could always use more. Shout out to our younger friends! Some are starting to read all on their own and we are very proud of them!

Design and Build: We will be working on two different grows: hydroponics and sustainable farming. One will be an individual unit sent home with the student and one will be a group build for the classrooms.

PLEASE SEND: Soda bottles, Books, Change of Clothes, extra snacks for your student, and water bottles.

