

# SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP – 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



With the conclusion of our 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the **SUMMER SEALS DAY CAMP** continues to enrich the lives of our campers, one summer at a time!

After providing a virtual camp experience during the summer of 2020 because of the pandemic, we were thrilled to be able to welcome our campers back to the classroom for SSDC 2021! Our wonderful camp directors Madison Rice and Colleen Kerber oversaw a quality teaching staff of college students and graduates from Susquehanna University’s Education Department:

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers: Olivia Lee and Katie Spracklin
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers: Emily LeFerve and Shelby Young
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers: Deborah Nace and Jenn Guldin
- Senior teacher: Ryan Pelletier

SSDC is an evidence-based learning program with educational units designed by our teaching staff to improve the campers’ core reading and math skills. In order to track the progress of the campers’ learning, the staff takes skill measurements throughout the summer. Their achievements are reflected in the following tables:

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

	<b>Start</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>23.5</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>24.5</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>47.3</b>

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

	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>

**Reading Skills (MAZE) (average # correct):**

	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>15.8</b>

**Literacy Skills (DIBELS) (average # correct)**

	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>29.7</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>57.1</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	<b>84.7</b>	<b>95.9</b>

Besides serving our educational mission, we also provide significant social/recreational opportunities for our campers. SSDC 2021 included field trips to the Whittaker Science Center, Clyde Peeling’s Reptiland, and the Selinsgrove Pool. To give back to the community, SSDC held its annual car wash fundraiser and collected clothing to support the Mustard Seed, a non-profit thrift store located in Selinsgrove. And then 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 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. Also, Donna Ross offers critical assistance with the Board's administrative and fundraising responsibilities. A special thank you goes to long-time Board member Mike Coyne – his contributions over the years have been invaluable.

SSDC's designation as an Educational Improvement Organization for purposes of the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program continues to provide substantial financial support for the portion of our program serving second and third graders. In addition to our many generous individual donors, the SSDC received substantial EITC contributions from several local banks and other businesses.

The assistance and cooperation of the Selinsgrove Area School District, which provides a venue as well as operational support, is critical to the success of SSDC. We also value the participation of several foster grandparents who bring added intergenerational benefits to our program.

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's 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 2022 our best year yet!

### **SSDC 2022 DATES:**

**Camp runs June 20 - August 5 (off on Fridays and July 4/5)**

**Annual Car Wash will be July 21**

**End of Year Celebration will be August 5**

*This annual report was compiled and submitted in February 2022  
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***Finally back in the classroom***



***Our camp directors and Mr. P.***



***Visit to Reptiland!***



***The annual SSDC car wash***



***Learning at the Whittaker Center***



***Campers hard at fun!***

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