



WESTWOOD SUMMER

SCRI 2020 IMPACT REPORT

WESTWOOD SUMMER Smithfield District

This report presents outcomes of Westwood Summer - a holistic learning experience blending academics with enrichment, social-emotional skill development and community engagement.

Program Goals

- Increase literacy and math skills among underperforming youth
- Support youth social-emotional growth
- Empower educators with impactful instructional strategies
- Engage families in youth success

Academics

Growth in literacy and math skills are important indicators of youth success and are measured via pre- and post-program assessments.

- +2** average reading gains in months
- +3** average math gains in months

Growth Mindset

Youth develop a love of learning by focusing on goals that are attainable through dedication and hard work.

- 89%** of families reported their child improved in their ability to overcome challenges
- 81%** of educators said youth improved in exhibiting growth mindset

Social-Emotional Growth

Social-emotional skills are essential to academic learning and overall well-being.

- 95%** of families said their child's self-confidence increased
- 83%** of educators said youth improved in responsible decision making
- 93%** of families reported their child had a more positive attitude about school and learning
- 85%** of educators said youth increased their relationship skills

Professional Development

The program empowered educators with instructional skills and strategies they can transfer into the classroom in the school year.

- 87%** of educators said the program developed their professional skills
- 90%** of educators said working with the program was rewarding
- 93%** of educators would recommend the program to families

Family Engagement

Weekly reports and events engaged families and caregivers in their child's education.

- 88%** of families became more involved in their child's education
- 91%** of families were highly-satisfied with the program
- 90%** of families would recommend the program to other families

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YOUTH IN
K-4TH GRADE

5

WEEKS

5

DAYS PER
WEEK

+2

AVERAGE MONTHS
GAINED IN READING

+3

AVERAGE MONTHS
GAINED IN MATH

88%

ADA

37.5

HOURS OF
MATH

37.5

HOURS OF
LITERACY

1,850

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
HOURS



SPERLING CENTER
FOR RESEARCH
AND INNOVATION

"I learned a lot from the coaching I received. I was able to implement strategies right away for summer students to grow and can't wait to bring ideas to my school year practice."

— Program Educator



Enrichment

Enrichment courses were designed to foster critical 21st Century skills like teamwork and leadership, increase self-confidence, and expose youth to new subjects, opportunities, and career paths.

Youth rotated through the following courses:

- Swimming
- Cooking & Nutrition Science
- Robotics
- Pottery
- Creative Writing
- Dance



Field Trips & Community Engagement

Field trips, special events, and guest speakers supported learning by exposing youth to diverse ideas, people, places, and opportunities while nurturing increased social-emotional and critical-thinking skills. Experiences included:

- Children's Museum
- Smithfield Aquarium
- Medfield University
- Salem Street Beach
- Special Event – Spelling Bee
- Special Event – Career Day
- Speaker – Joan King, Superior Court Judge
- Speaker – David Miller, Business Owner



School Partners

- Lincoln Charter School
- Forest Ridge Elementary School
- Washington Primary School
- Central Elementary School



Community Partners

- Smithfield School District
- Sealer Public Library
- Smithfield Parks & Recreation
- Westwood Office of Education



Financial Supporters

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- Community Health Center
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