

A JOYFUL FINALE AT SUMMER LITERACY CAMP



Children gathered Wednesday, July 31, to sing their final morning affirmations to conclude Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center's summer literacy camp. They started by singing "What I Am" by the singer Will I Am. Bryson Scaife set an example by leading the song enthusiastically and confidently, motivating all the other children to sing along.

They followed it with a heartfelt reading of the poem "A Great Somebody" by Adrienne Sealy Hardesty. It was incredible to see how much they had improved since the first day of the camp when Mrs. Jackie Spires introduced them to the song and poem. The full camp experience showed us that consistency and motivation are crucial to making a difference in children's education.

Mrs. Spires and Miss Kenita Herring persistently reminded the children to be patient, read fluently, and enunciate clearly throughout the camp. The children's progress from the beginning to the end of the camp was outstanding. They are now more aware of their words, can articulate them independently, and can refrain from adding extra words while speaking. Witnessing the children learning to read and express themselves better was inspiring. Mrs. Spires made reading enjoyable during the Literacy Camp by demonstrating different dialogues to capture the children's attention. One unforgettable moment was when the children read the story about The Lion and the Mouse, using different dialogues and infusing their imaginations to bring the characters to life.

At BGACDC, we are grateful for the support of our community members. The dedication of Mrs. Spires, Mrs. Herring, and the parents of the children at the literacy camp motivates us to continue providing educational support to the children in our community. At the end of the Literacy Camp, we honored the children for their hard work and participation and expressed our gratitude to everyone who made it a success. The children eagerly awaited their gift bags, containing certificates for completing the camp, and delighted in comparing their new toy cars and colorful squishes. The party wouldn't have been complete without the children showing off their dance moves one last time before we bid them farewell until next year.

