



School Age Care Positive Happenings

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"Learning in Disguise"

Students are at SAC because parents need care for their kids while they work. But many times, the students say that they come for the fun! The word "fun" is defined as something amusing, delightful, diverting, enjoyable, entertaining, and pleasurable. SAC is not only a place where kids have fun socially, but also a place where students learn, a wonderful by-product of all the fun at SAC. Students are provided activity choices that translate to a desire to participate. A strong desire is one of the best motivators for learning. Kids display a higher level of engagement when they have chosen the activity. They have so much fun that they don't realize that they learn new social and academic skills.

SAC's highly qualified and dedicated staff design intentional plans that encompass all academic subject areas. Most recently, an increased emphasis on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) in the out-of-school time hours has been an exciting part of programming at SAC. Integration of these areas is often done in a project-based or club-based format. Students play and work cooperatively in a safe environment. Success happens when the focus is on the process and not the product. All of this happens in a day at SAC where there is "learning in disguise."

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