

# MCSEC NEWS BITE



WEEK 3

Summer 2017

## What's Happening in ELA?

Our English Language Arts classes are broken up into mini lessons in order to target and meet each camper's need. For instance, in Pre-K & K, Ms. Kim designs centers that allow the children to move from one station to the next to acquire the necessary skills that are needed. *Here is what our campers learned in ELA this week:*

Pre-K campers worked on letter recognition and sound. Kindergarten campers read, wrote, and spelled their sight words.



1st graders learned about long "e". They have recognized that new words are created from old words when the letter "e" is added at the end.



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|---|-------|----------|----------|-------|
| A | Apple | Ant      | Arrow    | Ant   |
| B | Bear  | Bird     | Bicycle  | Bee   |
| C | Car   | Cat      | Carrot   | Clock |
| D | Dog   | Duck     | Dinosaur | Dog   |
| E | Egg   | Elephant | Envelope | Eagle |
| F | Fish  | Fox      | Fruit    | Flag  |



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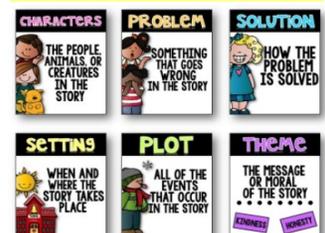
Our 2nd & 3rd graders worked on identifying Parts of Speech (nouns, verbs, adjectives) and used the 5 W's and 1 H to ask and answer questions to demonstrate full comprehension of the text.

The 4th & 5th graders reviewed Parts of Speech and plural nouns (-es, ies, and -ves). They continued to practice their reading comprehension and vocabulary skills using various passages. They also learned to use a dictionary, table of contents, index, timelines, and library reference systems.

The 6th through 8th grade campers have been studying characters and have begun to develop their own "childhood story" books. They have analyzed many characters in assigned literature and are excited to see the outcome of their own storybook characters.

*"Summer sizzles when you add the excitement of a good book! But if kids take a vacation from reading, skills may fizzle over the break."*

By Rachael Worthington Walker



# Week 3 Worship Highlights

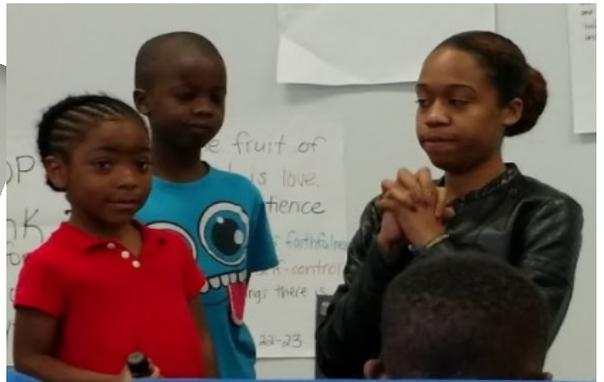


We are grateful for the return of Pastor Jannel Monroe and Ms. Claudia Allen this week. Our campers were again blessed by each of their messages.

*Monday:* Through our campers' reenactment of the story of Gideon, our campers learned that God gives us the courage that we need to overcome challenges. While Gideon hid from the enemy, God was able to give him the courage to lead the Israelites to victory.



*Wednesday:* Our campers learned that we must believe when God tells us that we have inherited the promised land, even if there are giants there. In spite of our problems, we can have courage to do it because God says that we can.



## Earned This Treat This Week?



Congratulations to all of the campers who have earned 14-16 points each week for demonstrating respect and great character. Keep up the great work!

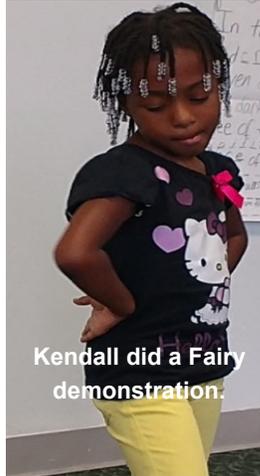


# We Have Talent!

In lieu of water play this week, we had a talent show. What a fun impromptu talent show it was! Our campers were truly courageous.



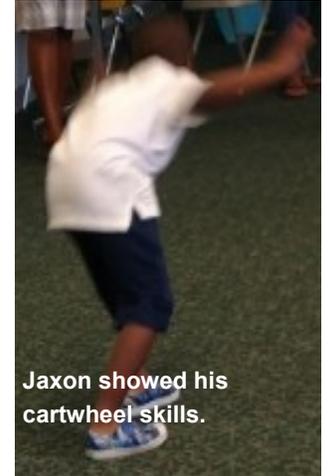
Isabelle danced to "Power Shuffle".



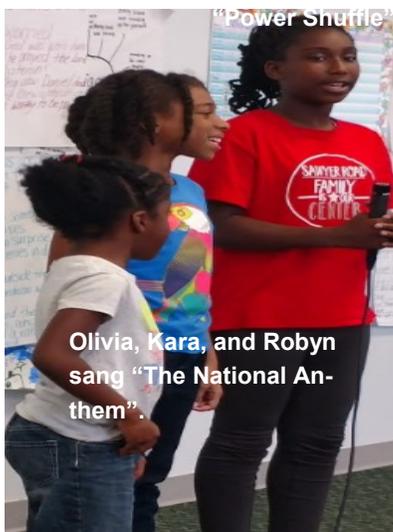
Kendall did a Fairy demonstration.



Darius, Isaiah, Derwen, and James created and delivered a skit.



Jaxon showed his cartwheel skills.



Olivia, Kara, and Robyn sang "The National Anthem".



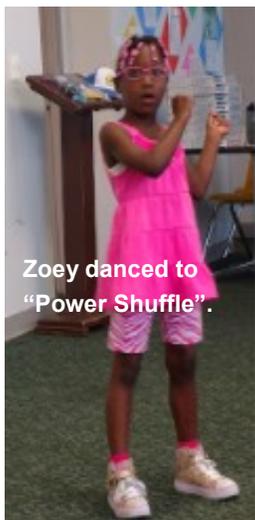
Jonathan, Justin, Daniel, and Evan danced to "Dino Stomp".



Mya showed her cartwheel skills.



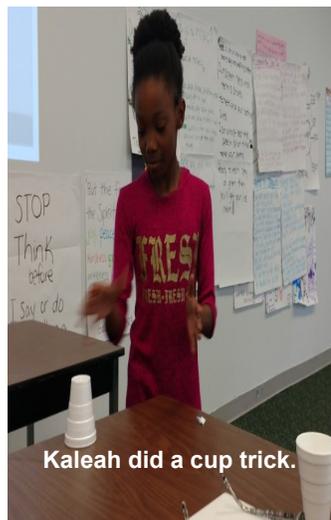
Gabrielle & Nyla sang "How Far I'll Go".



Zoey danced to "Power Shuffle".



Shane showed us his awesome handstand.



Kaleah did a cup trick.



Rylan juggled 2 balls.



Landon juggled 2 balls.

# Courageous Poetry Slam

This week Ms. Yemi designed various creative activities to help our campers become more familiar with the core value, courage. Of the activities provided, our campers had the opportunity to create poems on Courage. They are quite inspiring. Do read...

## Help Me To Be Bold!

*By Kara Nangle*

**5th Grade**

A young girl with nice looks. Boy, she is quite a hook! If you scold, you're less than gold. She says, "strong and bold", but will she be this way at school? Be bold! Don't hold the beauty in your soul. Stand tall! You're going to have a ball. Imagine yourself as a princess in a castle, the only one to shine. I'll be as strong as a turtle shell. The only way to get me out is with a bell. Lord, please help me on my first day of school, so I can be all these things just like you.

## Inspiration

*By Chloe Cartwright*

**7th Grade**

When you needed my help, I thought of all of my fears.

Afraid and alone, you still shed no tears.

I pushed you away and you never were the same—said you were done playing games. In shame you hid and I wondered why, O why did you always cry?

When I asked why you were always so sad, and you replied, "I'm not sad, but mad." You said it was me, and now I feel really bad.

I was so blind I couldn't see that all of this time the problem was me. The truth is—I was afraid. Afraid to stand tall, for fear of the fall. Afraid to reach out and grab your hand, so you and me both had the courage to stand. If I had more courage you'd still be around, instead of moving to a different town. So now I see how important courage can be. So the next friend to come new in this town, I hope they'll stick around. My courage won't fail. Yes! It will prevail.

## Courage!

*By Robyn Robinson*

**5th Grade**

How would she like it? Would she be cool? Oh so many thoughts about her new school. But the doors were already open and her time began.

Trying hard to be noticed by no one. When approached by a woman, she felt like a sheep. And at the word welcome she couldn't even peep. She thought—be bold, not cold. Be courageous, not cowardly, but all she could master was a hello—quite shyly. Try again, she thought. Try again, she did. Good morning she said,

## Be Bold!

*By Gabrielle Julien*

**4th Grade**

There was a spider on my shirt today—I plucked it off. I thought, "Stand up, don't fall down, and party." I did not worry because God is with me. We have respect, self control, punctuality and courage. Always stand up for you—don't let anyone push you down or around. So be bold and be strong!

## Courage

*By Kaveda Hodge*

**8th Grade**

The assignment was to make a poem with courage as the theme. But first we need to take a moment to figure out what it means. Webster says, "it is the quality of being brave and also to have valor." Helping others is what we should crave, not just praise from our peers. To have courage, you must face your fears.

**Stage Fright**  
*By Kaleah Braxton*  
**6th Grade**

You see when I wrote this I said, "What if I stumble? What if I fail?" Then I heard my mother's voice trump mine saying "Oh you'll be fine. Have courage and don't panic." I will take my mother's advice. I haven't failed yet. I am Kaleah Braxton! I don't hide behind a veil.

**Stand Up!**  
*By Brendon Dixon*  
**6th Grade**

Always be bold!  
Don't have self doubt.  
Ask God for courage, that's what it's all about.  
God won't give us things we can't bare, so stand up to Satan and don't be scared.

**I am...**  
*By Camrine Charles*  
**6th Grade**

I am a person who has courage. I am a person who stands up for what's right and who doesn't care what people say. But most importantly, I am...Camrine. ...Camrine Naomi Charles and all of those things I said up there is true. And I take courage in all of these.

**Being Judged**  
*by Darryl Josiah*  
**7th Grade**

I feel being judged is a very serious problem in the world. We shouldn't be judged if we're black, white, or Mexican. We should probably think again about being more polite. Another race that gets judged are Asians. We need to be strong and courageous, not backing down to protect ourselves from being emotionally hurt. People are also judged by their look or how they probably think, say, or do things. If others are picked on for any of those reasons we need to stick up for what's right, and defend those who are hurt or have a hole in their heart. We need to show courage and stick up for them. Remember to show courage, even if you're sticking up for one of the "weird" ones. So when everything is done, don't judge people, don't talk negative about others. Be courageous and stand up for them.

**#LikeAGirl**  
*By Madelyn Julien*  
**8th Grade**

When? Now. I need it to stop!  
What? Stereotypes. Here I am needing to stop.  
The fact that you have the nerve to tell me to sit still and look pretty shows me that you're real petty.  
The fact that you think my idea of having fun with friends is doing our hair and nails—get with the times and the new program.  
When you say "How are you losing...to a girl?"  
Has it ever occurred to you that what you said makes me wanna hurl.  
To ALL my girls out there, have courage and stand up.  
You can do it, I believe in you, YUP!  
So don't be afraid cause they'll be amazed.  
By your charade, they could probably throw a parade. So sit back and be chill, and I will #LikeAGirl

# Our Zoo Experience



## CAMP MISSION:

The *Miracle City Summer Enrichment Camp (MCSEC)* is a Christian-based program designed for school-aged children. It provides a safe and loving environment where children can socialize, and collaborate through independent and group-related activities. It also has an academic component with a strong focus in the core content areas (mathematics and reading). The life of each child is enriched through spiritual, academic, social, and physical activities.

