

NEST Community Learning Center

Grant Award: \$3,000.00

Funded Project: Summer Lunch Learn and Play

Target Audience: Summer Program Students (Loveland)

Final Report from Grant Recipient:

NEST Executive Director sent the report below accompanied by several pictures of students engaged in summer activities. I've attached a few of the photos (please do not share or post anywhere). There are more photos and I'm happy to share all when we get together again.

I'd like to thank you for helping support our NEST's Summer Lunch Learn and Play program again this summer by choosing NEST as one of the recipients of your grant. NEST CLC is a non-profit that supports Nutrition, Education, Safety, and Transformation by helping feed and tutor at-risk students throughout the school year by taking our mobile classrooms (transformed RV's) to several different low income neighborhoods. Our school year program helps students excel and feel more confident in the classroom. Our summer program, my personal favorite, allows us to ensure all students are having a meal each day, we are able to build relationships with families and children, and we are able to help students continue learning in fun ways.

This summer your grant helped us provide two different learning experiences to both of our sites in Owensville. This summer we had space week and were able to have iSPACE come out to both locations in Owensville and students were able to make rockets and launch them. More than that, they were learning what helped rockets fly better and after their first attempt, they got to make a second rocket using their new knowledge of aerodynamics, laws of motion, and inertia to make a second rocket that in theory should fly farther because of what they learned. The kids had a great time and learned a lot!

Secondly, we had Under the Sea week this summer and this year we had the opportunity to have the Aquarium come out and teach our students about different sea creatures. The students enjoyed learning about the sea creatures but of course their favorite part was getting to physically see and touch the different sea creatures. Even though the Newport Aquarium is relatively close in proximity, it is an expensive place to visit so many of our students don't get to visit much if at all.

Overall, our summer was much more exciting because we had the funding to do more fun activities! Thank you!