

The Big Lift Inspiring Summers Program

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Common Agenda

Goal: Increase countywide 3rd grade reading proficiency rate from 50% to 80%

Greater Readiness

Goal: Increase kindergarten readiness from 50% to 80%

- Increase preschool quality
- Increase PreK access
- Improve preK/K transition

Better attendance

Goal: Reduce chronic absence by 50%

- Provide evidence-based attendance interventions
- Provide TA around attendance

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Goal: 80% kids reading below grade level attend a quality program

- Provide high quality summer program
- Improve summer/school year transition

Family Engagement

Goal: Integrate family engagement principles countywide

- Support designated family engagement staff
- Provide evidence-based FE initiatives
- Integrate FE across pillars

Program Partners



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2021 Program Structure

- 5 weeks, 5 days a week, full day
- Serve rising Kindergartners – 3rd graders
- Mornings – academic instruction with credentialed teachers, working off the BellXcel model
- Afternoons – STEAM enrichment with Library interns, working from the CREATE curriculum
- Mindfulness activities
- Interwoven Community presentations
- Healthy meals & family engagement
- Safety guidelines based on CDPH and Pandemic Recovery Framework



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A Day in the Life of a Scholar 2020



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	Child-Directed	Children are in charge of their own learning and have choice over the materials, topics, or activities they want to enjoy, based on what is personally meaningful or relevant to their lives.
	Risk-Friendly	Children are emotionally supported to try new things, including tasks and activities that challenge them and encourage them to develop new skills.
	Exploratory	Children are guided by their natural curiosity to ask questions, come up with ideas, and engage in hands-on learning through play.
	Active	Children have opportunities to frequently move their bodies, and can practice big body movements like running and jumping, along with fine motor skills.
	Time for Imagination	Children are encouraged to engage in pretend play and to dream up imaginary worlds, even beyond the preschool years.
	Exchange of Ideas	Children engage in conversation and collaboration with adults or peers, which reinforces that their ideas matter, and supports them to build off of the ideas of others.



Communication to Families



Staffing



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Recruitment Strategies

Academic Teachers

- EdJoin

Library Facilitator Interns

- Historically 60% returning rate
- Canvas all local colleges – education departments, career centers
- Partnership with Stanford Graduate School of Education
- Menlo Park College Interns – administrative support

Thank you!

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