



Sewing Using Tech Maker Camp NEWSLETTER

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Sewing Using Tech Camp was filled with creativity, collaboration and all types of sewing! We started the week learning how to make fabric keychains and pouches for their middle school IDs or other small items. We learned how to create designs using the coding tool Turtlestitch and combined math and design to create digital images.

On Tuesday, we worked on mini-tote bags using canvas fabric, webbing and embroidery designs, showing each camper's style. We learned about the math involved in creating patterns for water bottle holders and how commercial patterns are marked and coded. Some campers chose to make sweatshirts, pants or shorts using the patterns while others chose to continue to work on the other projects they started.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the campers were given the design challenge to create something after choosing an inspiration word, working with an old camp tshirt and any of the supplies in the classroom. On Friday, we finished the week with learning how to install zippers into pouches. This included switching to the zipper presser foot on the machines, and attaching the zipper pull on to the zippers. Another activity was to create a digital design to be added as an iron-on for a sweatshirt.

We used our break time after lunch each day to have some quiet reading time, play games and visit the Learning Garden. To show their completed work to each other and to share their inspiration words for their design challenges, we had a mini-runway show (complete with a red carpet). At the end of the day on Friday, each camper shared all of the items they made. It was an impressive collection of student-designed and created projects! There were new friendships formed this week that we are certain will continue when everyone arrives at school this fall. We hope you all have a wonderful rest of your summer!

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