



# WELCOME, FRIEND

*FCS Summer Camp Weekly Newsletter*



## Words from the Camp Manager

I'd been a substitute teacher here at FCS for quite a few years, and while I taught sessions of summer camp prior to the pandemic, I certainly never expected I'd be managing it.

What has surprised me is that I rely most day to day on my experience working in Hollywood.

The film industry taught me so much about people and logistics. (There's truly no business like it.) Planning for the unexpected, thinking on one's feet, being flexible, keeping a cool head, and maintaining a sense of humor are all valuable and transferrable skills. While I did get to cuddle a baby orangutan on set once, I never wrangled a chipmunk until FCS Summer Camp! Each week there's always something new to learn.

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## 06A1 - Under the Stars

Led By: Sydney Harrington

Assisted by: Lindsay Bearden

We jumped into the stars this week by exploring the constellations and making our own star guides.

Learning how to look at the stars was super helpful when creating our own star mobiles with paint, glitter, and beads.

We made our own stars to draw with by recycling old crayons.

## 06B1 - Nature Explorers

Led By: Maria Galeano

Assisted by: Lauren Hill

This week, we trekked through beautiful hills, climbed slopes, and explored wildlife that lives in between the trees around the FCS campus.

Learning more about our environment, we did some introductory crafts to become familiar with the nature around us. We made habitats out of rocks and sticks for various wildlife.

We even got to gather insects to help feed the baby guinea fowl (keets) who have just moved onto campus.



## 06B2 - Food & Art: Baking

Led By: Patricia Soumoff

Assisted by: Jessica Anderson

Using the power of math and science, we measured and mixed ingredients to create healthy baked goods.

We tried different combinations of our recipe ingredients to see which ones worked best. We learned that too much/not enough of an ingredient can change the consistency of our final product when a batch of our cookies came out as a thin gooey mess!



## 06C1 - Archery & Wilderness Skills

Led By: Mark Evans

Assisted by: Alex Andrews

Keeping our eyes on the target, we safely became proficient in bow turning, arrow maintenance, self-analysis, troubleshooting, and archery etiquette.

We also learned first-hand survival skills that involved outdoor cooking, pitching a tent, tying knots, and reading a map. These activities educated and prepared us for unexpected situations while in the wild.



## 06C2 - Shark Tank

Led By: Gillian Rosenzweig-Stein  
 Assisted by: Han Pham

Have you ever wanted to create an invention while also getting the support of investors? In our camp, we learned about some of the most famous inventions throughout history.

Making an invention takes time and resources, including a rare sneak peek into the teacher camp supply room. This was where we were able to choose our own materials and develop a product of our own.

Finally, we had the opportunity to design and create our own inventions and pitch them to a panel of "investors".

## 06D1 - Theatre Arts Camp

Led By: Courtney Hughes  
 Assisted by: Nicholas Lugo and CIT Reese

Can a group of middle schoolers write and produce a musical about the eternal struggle between vampires and humans in just one week? We sure did!

During this session, we developed our skills in stage presence, improvisation, scene work, and what it takes to be an actor.

We were introduced to different scenes and characters each day to exercise our acting skills and make the characters come to life!

Check out our movie here!  
<https://youtu.be/tk0tN6F1IJ0>



## 06D2 - Robotics

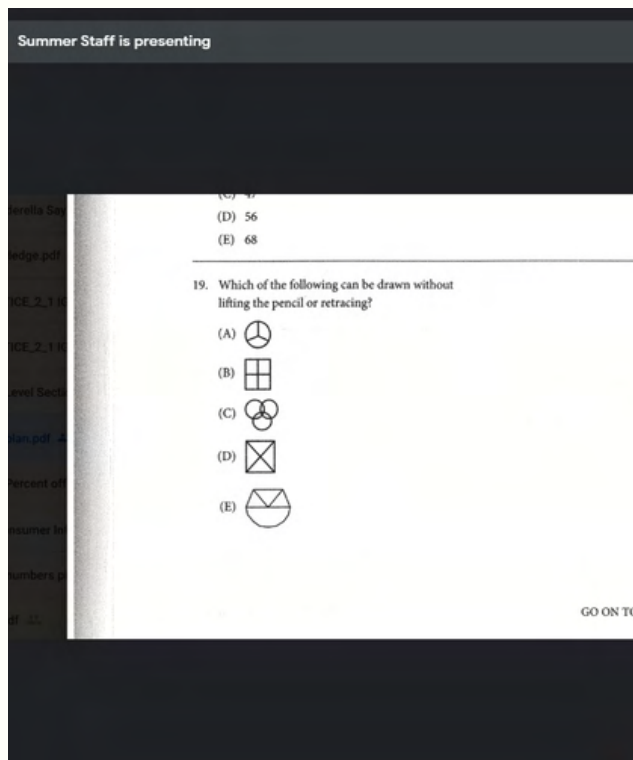
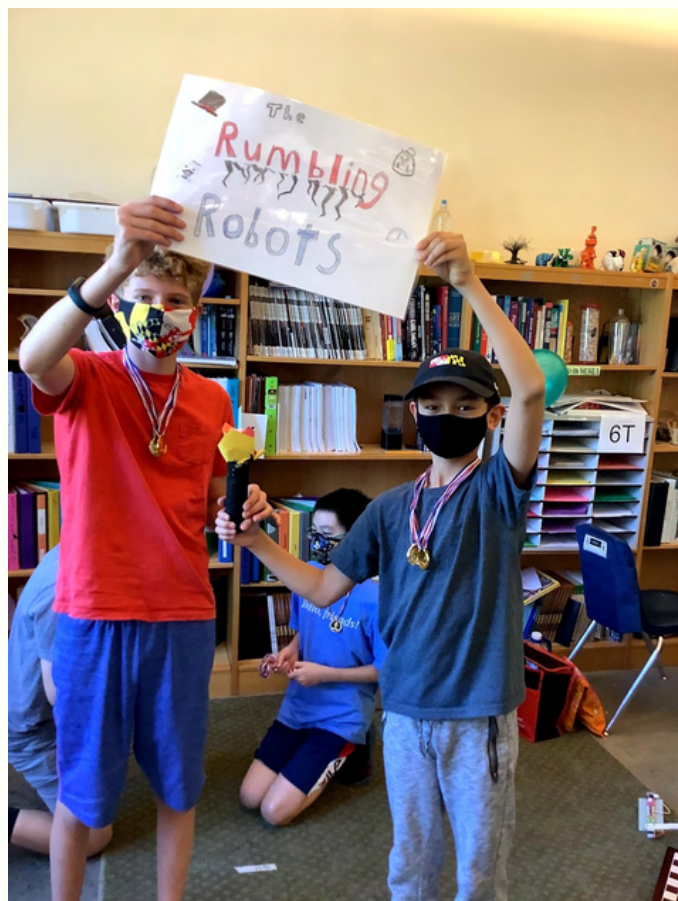
Led By: Camille Samuels

Assisted by: Taylor Washington

Robotics is not only fun but is an ever growing field of careers for the future.

Using robotics kits and coding, we worked on a variety of interactive games, robot development and construction, solving design challenges along the way. While safely working in teams, we learned about the mechanics of robot movement.

In tandem to the Opening of the delayed 2020 Games in Japan on Friday, we held a Robot Olympics. Medals were won, torches were carried and we closed with a Parade of Competitors through Olympic Village.



## 06DV - SSAT Prep: Math II

Led By: Christie Ray

In this week's session of SSAT Prep, we prepared for the geometry, measurement, and algebra sections of the test.

Reviewing applicable math concepts through games, tasks, and individualized lessons, we became even more familiar with the math section and learned tools to improve how we study.

# Try this @Home!



## DIY Constellations

Our night sky is filled with amazing connect-the-dot pictures that we can make at home! All you need is some black construction paper, a white or yellow crayon, star stickers, and a picture of your favorite constellation.

Use your stickers or crayon to mark where the stars are on your construction paper. Then, connect the stars with your white crayon. You can even try your hand at drawing the constellation animals! Have fun!

## Layered Artwork

You can easily create your favorite nature scenery with some construction paper, glue, and scissors.

Starting with the very back of the scene, cut out your sun and glue it onto a blank sheet of paper. Then, cut some triangles into your black construction paper and glue them onto the sun without fully covering it.

Continue this same process with the rest of your nature scene and you'll have a perfectly layered piece of artwork



# Try this @Home!



## Baking With The Senses

Baking is a great way to learn about colors and shapes.

You use all five senses while you bake. So, at home, discuss how things look, feel, smell, sound, and taste.

Following a recipe enables young bakers to follow directions and use their reading skills. It also teaches measurements and fractions!

## Backyard Camping

Want to go camping in the comfort of your own home? Have a backyard camp night!

This activity would be best to do in the summertime because of the warm nights. Gather your family and work together to pitch the tent and set up your sleeping bags.

You all can play games, make smores, tell stories, or go on a night walk in your neighborhood!



# Try this @Home!



## Creating a Prototype

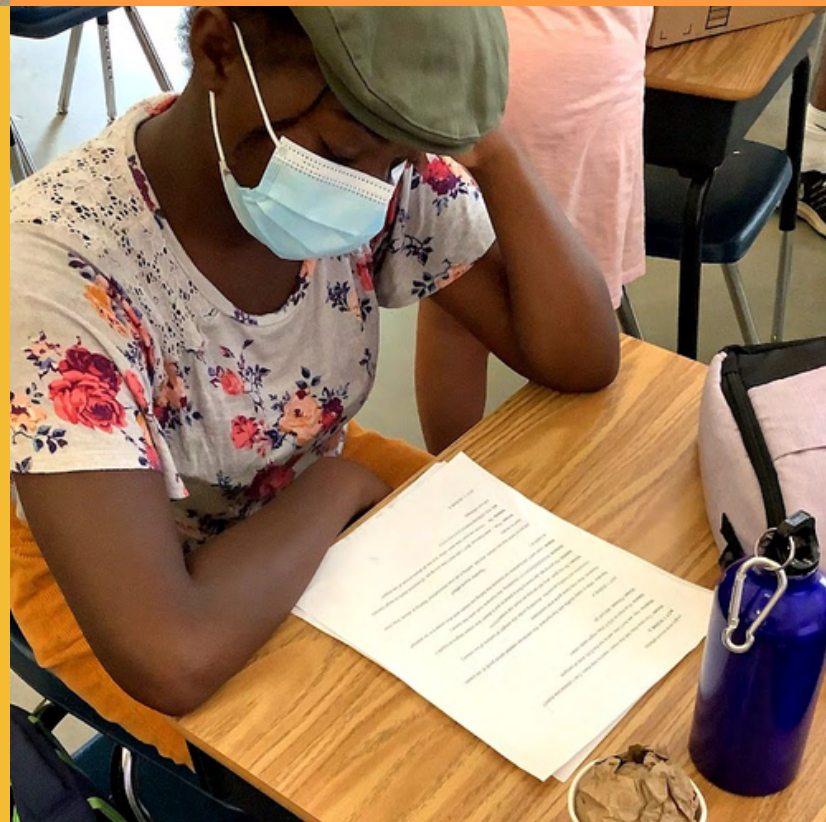
When it comes to designing their own product, kids should first create a prototype. Your child should draw what they anticipate their final product looking like. Recyclables, construction paper and glue make excellent materials to work with. Encourage your kids to try and replicate their designs as best they can. Prototyping is like a three dimensional sketch and things may change in the final product. What materials did they end up using? Does it look how they imagined? What can be changed?

## Monologue Madness

A monologue is a long speech given by a character as a part of a play or film.

At home, choose a character that you'd would like to portray. When writing your monologue, be sure to take your audience on a journey while also using words that are clear and easy to understand.

When your monologue is completed, show it to your family. You could also create an entire play with your friends that includes the monologue you created.





# Try this @Home!



## DIY Olympics

You don't need to be an elite athlete to hold your own olympiad. Gather some friends and plan for some simple feats of strength like how fast you can run, how far you can throw a ball, or how many hoops you can shoot against the clock.

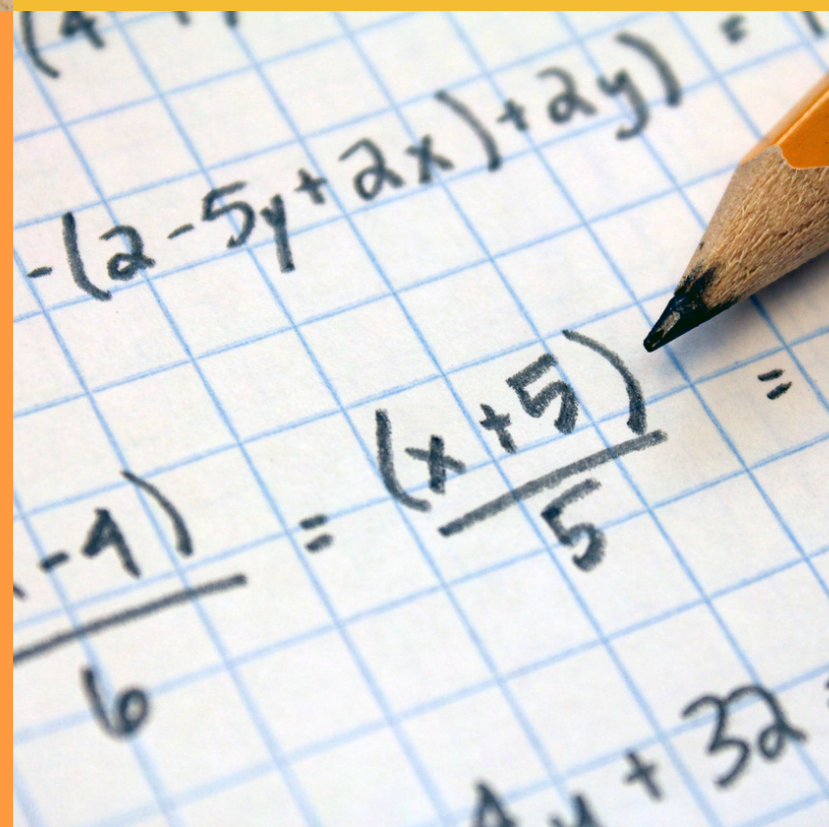
To add to the international spirit, create some Olympic rings, color flags from different countries and hand out home-made medals of ribbon and tinfoil. The Olympics are a fun group activity where you are only limited by your imagination so why not get creative and enjoy some friendly competition?

## Math Flashcards

As you prepare for the math section of the SSAT, it's best to study a little bit every day.

Making flashcards is one of the most effective ways to memorize vocabulary, equations, and formulas. Just write down a question on one side of the card, and the answer on the opposite.

Place the cards all around your house. When you find one, try to answer the question. If you're unsure of the answer, take a look back at your notes. Once you've mastered a card, keep it in a pile until you have gathered them all. Then test yourself again. Remember that consistent studying brings results.



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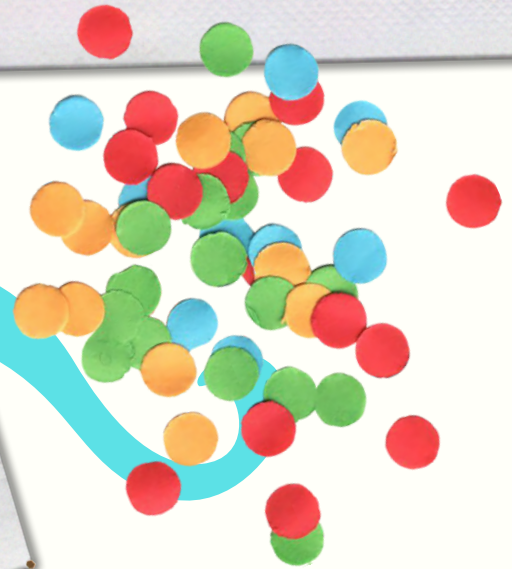
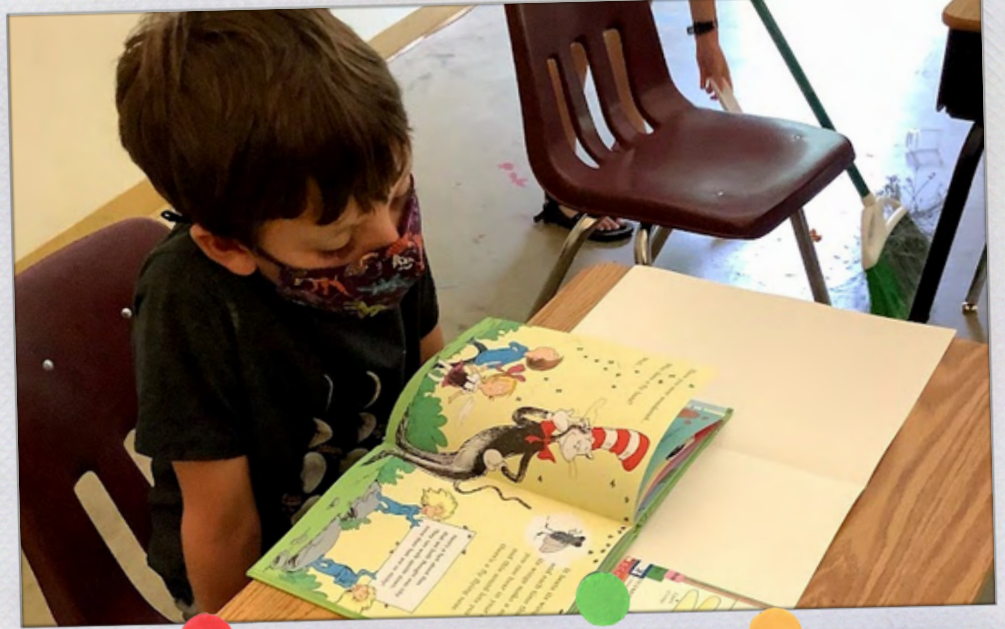
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Our floating staff takes care of things behind the scenes!

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Our Support Staff this week:

- Nyila Johnson
- Kim Lugo
- Jazlyn Olivera
- Crystal Robinson



# Spot the Difference!



**Session 06 Word Search**

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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → and ↓ .

ARROW

BINOCULARS

FRACTION

HIKING

INVENTION

INVESTMENT

MIXING

OVEN

ROBOT

STARS

TELESCOPE

TENT

Click here for a video slideshow!



**FCS Summer Camp**  
SESSION 06 VIDEO SLIDESHOW

**See you next week!**

07A1 - Jungle Jam

07B1 - Agility Adventures

07B2 - The Art of the City

07C1 - Sport of the Day

07C2 - Magic & Wizardry

07D1 - Summer Blossoms

07DV - Model UN