

STUDENTS SOAK UP SUBJECTS IN SUMMER

Summer for the last three years has been filled with fun and meaningful experiences for the Andes Central School District students!

The 2014 Andes Central Summer Program had approximately 60 students enrolled. The students have the choice of the weeks they want to participate in, although most students attended all weeks.

The program is available free of charge to all kindergarten through twelfth grade students, with breakfast and lunch served daily to the program participants, enrolled in Andes Central Schools. The program is funded the 21st Century Grant.

Each week of the program carries a different theme with various hands on activities and outings Monday through Wednesday.

delighted to see all the animals at the Great Plains Zoo in Sioux Falls at the end of the week.

- **Read about Math:** students polished their math skills by learning strategies for solving real world math problems and effect on everyday activities. They played math games and created their own math books and number snakes. A trip to the Kirby Science Center at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls capped the week.
- **Stars and Stripes:** students researched Independence Day and government and were intrigued with the history of our country. They learned about maps, crafted numerous patriotic items and visited the Akta Lakota Museum at St.



Some of the activities that took place in the summer of 2014 were:

- **Animals and Ecosystems:** students studied animal habitats and ecosystems around the world. They created their own habitats with various art materials and spent a day in Pickstown at the city's Museum and Fort Randall Dam Visitors Center where they took a nature walk, played outdoor games, and created nature art.
- **Celebrating Our Town:** students learned about various careers, community helpers, what the Andes Central community has to offer and why it's important to support local businesses. They also learned about Native American traditions and created dioramas of communities. The week concluded with a trip to Wagner to local movie theater for an afternoon of a movie.
- **Leadership:** students learned what it takes to be great leader and how to help others through exploring their own feelings and how to express them in polite and meaningful ways, what it means to respect themselves and others, and how to build character and social skills. They were

Joseph's Indian School and the South Dakota Hall of Fame in Chamberlain.

- **Storytelling:** students read stories that have been passed down for many generations, including fables, folk and fairy tales, nursery rhymes, and tall tales. They produced a show and crafted story magnets and sticker scenes. Students visited the Prehistoric Indian Village, Dakota Discovery Museum, and the Mitchell Aquatic Park in Mitchell at the end of the week.
- **Under the Big Top:** students were entertained with circus and popcorn themed reading and math games and designed their own hats and painted sun catchers. Their week ended with a trip to Yankton where they went bowling and visited the Dakota Territorial Museum.

The summer program ended with an exciting trip for some of the students to Omaha, NE. While there, students took part in many wonderful learning experiences; visiting the Strategic Air and Space Museum, Kenefic Park: Union Pacific Railroad Locomotives exhibit, Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, and the Omaha Children's Museum.