

# READING ROCK STARS

## Morrison School's summer camp a hit

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The second year of Morrison School's Read to be Ready Summer Camp has been a success, motivating 30 students to keep academically active even though school is not in session.

The camp is open to students in first-, second- and third-grade, and runs for four weeks. This year's theme, "I'm a Rock STAR (Students Traveling through the Arts with Reading), focused on the arts.

The first week of activities included Jennifer Hines from Dodie's Art Studio to let the children paint mugs after reading a book about pottery making. Morrison's Student Council donated T-shirts for the campers to tie-dye and wear to all the events/field trips. After reading the book "Magic Trash," the group painted canvas pictures, finger paintings and created art from trash.

The second week was filled with performing arts, with dancing and music activities. After declaring "I can be a rock star performer," the students met Lori Christensen from Cannon County Dance Studio for creative dance lessons at Warren County High School. She introduced basic dance steps and choreographic principles. While at the school, students heard WHCS band members playing different instruments.

The WCHS Color Guard also performed some moves for them to see how much work goes into performing arts. The week closed with Kelly Walker bringing her karaoke machine, with students reading lyrics and singing along. This showed another use for reading and how it can be fun. Miss Tennessee Teen Mary Humphrey also visited, reading a book and performing ballet for the group. Children were also exposed to various musical instruments, making sounds and songs.

Week three of camp focused on writing, with a trip to the Southern

Standard newspaper office. With notepads and pens in hand, they saw how a reporter and editor reports our news. Later a visit to Magness Library brought awareness to how writers use words to tell and record history. Each student received their own diary to keep account of their journeys. They also enjoyed a visit from author Hannah Carmona Dias, with each student receiving a signed copy of her book.

The idea of being a rock star storyteller was expressed in the last week, with storyteller Bruce Watson capturing the interest of everyone. The children wrote skits to perform in a puppet show, possibly inspired by ventriloquist Joyce Carroll's visit.

"Hopefully we are instilling reading and writing skills in a fun way in hopes the children will continue to love reading and writing," said teacher Tamra Newby. "Each camper received over 20 books to take home, and we have summer reading activities at both school and at Morrison Public Library."



Photos provided  
**Averie Bates and other Read to be Ready Summer Camp attendees have a blast completing various art projects.**



**With a focus on art, campers were exposed to various aspects of the art world. Here Joshua Graham shows his creative side with watercolors.**



**Southern Standard newspaper editor James Clark conveys facts about the industry, showing students the large rolls of paper necessary for printing the newspaper.**

## FCEC NEWS

### VINSON'S CROSSROADS

Vinson's Crossroads FCEC met June 21 in the Magnolia Room. The meeting was called to order by President Frances Hobbs. Lois Self gave the devotional by reading the Club Prayer, and Hobbs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered with 10 members naming something they own that is made from hickory.

Hilda Lytle gave the agent's program on "Eat Well Feel Well on Hydration." She gave members samples of orange/lemon water and cucumber water. Lytle shared ways to stay hydrated and told

how much water you should drink per day.

Reading reports were given by Naomi Smith and Wilma Davenport. Davenport made a motion to take money out of our account to pay for cups for the Fisher House. It was seconded by Violet Turner and approved. Davenport reminded members to complete their state projects report.

After the Club Creed was read, the meeting was adjourned.

### MIDWAY

The June meeting of Midway FCEC was held at the Midway

CIC, with Mary Rubley and Dian Greene serving as hostesses. President Greene officiated, with Jean Cantrell leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and the group reading the FCE prayer.

Roll call was answered with 19 members and agent Hilda Lytle naming something owned made from hickory. Secretary Irene Fuston read the minutes of the May meeting, with Rubley giving the financial report.

Elva Dean Bell shared a demonstration on her homemade biscuits, with Fuston sharing tips on homemade yeast

rolls. Fran Farmalo provided her cookbooks for sale to benefit the club treasury. Sharon Bennett displayed a plant, while Bell displayed a beautiful hand-quilted quilt made from the Sun Bonnet Sue pattern, and her coin collection. Farmalo brought a cedar yard sign to share with the group.

Reading reports were given by Greene and Linda Fisher. Lytle continued her Eat Well, Feel Well Program, stressing the importance of hydration. She shared cucumber water and citrus water with the attendees. Sixty-two

items were donated by the members, as well as can tabs and bottle caps. Three of the members brought towels and washcloths for the Fisher House.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the Dairy Day competition, with Betty Whitlock and Fuston planning to attend family life leader training. A discussion was held concerning a visit to the McMinnville Boarding Home.

Hostesses Rubley and Greene served fried chicken and assorted dishes provided by the members.