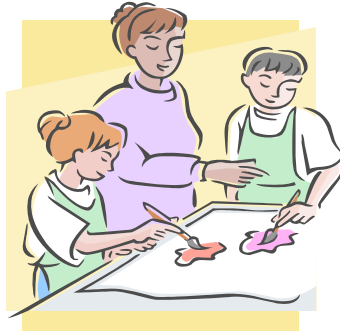


Teamwork Creates Great Art



The children participating in the Alpine Summer Reading Program learned a great deal about teamwork and art in a recent activity. The 26 participants found a large piece of paper taped to the tables when they arrived. Breaking into groups, they were asked to begin painting on the paper. Soon, they were asked to move and to paint on a different part of the paper until everyone had painted in all the different seats helping to create a group masterpiece. Next, the children were given frames, and asked to find the part of the painting they liked best. They were able to claim this part as their own. The children allowed their artwork to be displayed in the library before taking it home.

Librarian specialist, Judi Hughes, who conducted the activity, said that she learned of the activity during a workshop on teamwork. She took time to talk with the children about teamwork and to point out the beauty that all of them had created together. They discussed group work and cooperation and how no one individual could have created the final product by him or herself.

The children were thrilled with the project and loved choosing their own special part. They learned about sharing and contributing a part to make a whole. But most of all, they said they had FUN, and that's what Summer Reading Program is all about.

The Alpine Summer Reading Program is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 until 2:00 and will run until July 2nd. This year's theme is "Creativity" and planned events include dance, music, singing, quilting, and puppet making. Come join us.

