

Letter for a Campers Mother

I want to tell you about my daughter, Shyanne, now a 6th grader. She always struggled with her grades through elementary school. She was an extremely shy child, with low self-esteem and borderline A.D.D. Even more after one of her teachers called her stupid. How devastating for her. Each year at the start of a new grade, the struggle would start again. They called it "The Summer Slump". She would say things like "I'm so stupid" over and over. Needless to say, no matter how much mom told her different, she truly believed she was. At the end of the fifth grade, she was "invited" to go to a free camp. I thought to myself, "nice disguise for the typical summer school". The grade school had suggested, and we thought she should take any help and opportunity for education she could. Besides that, it would save me trying to get someone to care for her for some of the summer. OK, so she would go to this "Quest" camp. She decided to go for 3 out of the 4 weeks offered.

I just have to say; Quest is the miracle that happened to Shyanne. She enjoyed it so much that she signed up for the 4th week! Not only was the day academically educational, but it was also full of educational FUN, thanks to-the-generosity-of Tonya Albee and the Rotarians who volunteered their time and talents to fulfill the loves of some great kids. What we originally thought this opportunity to be a typical summer school, was so so much more than that; Shyanne has become more confident, displays more self-esteem, and has made the honor roll twice so far this year, something I thought would never happen! (GO JRMS!) I truly believe the Quest program is one of the major keys to my daughters' success. I am grateful and thank all involved. I hope this wonderful program continues for years to come and brings the "smart" out of kids like Shy.

Sincerely
Mother of Shyanne
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