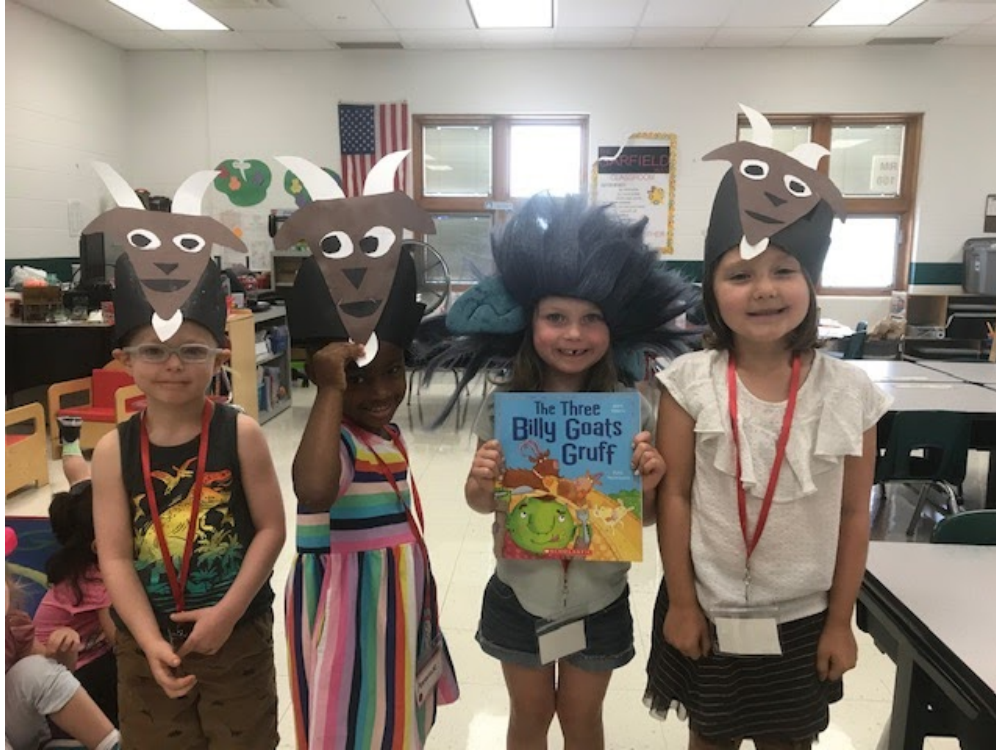


## 2021 Summer in Review



As the 2020-2021 school year came to an end during a pandemic, the summer activities were just heating up.

In a year where learning went from online, to the blended model and then returned to in-person, many students decided to continue their education during the summer months. Summer school was offered in every single building this year for 4-6 weeks. 245 elementary, 70 middle school and 263 high school students attended summer school either online or in person. There were also 74 incoming 6th grade students who participated in our Power Scholar Academy. On top of in-person learning this summer, there were more than 600 hours of online courses attended. In total, 183 semester courses and 56 math courses were mastered and 12 credentials were earned by summer school students. More summer school photos can be viewed [here](#).



**Preschool Literacy Camp:** 61 preschool students attended a three week literacy camp where they got to focus on comprehension, vocabulary, language development, concepts of print and early reading and writing skills. The camp was full of hands-on, play based, and engaging learning opportunities. Photos from the literacy camp can be found [here](#) and parents can continue to work on early literacy skills with their preschoolers with the following links:

<http://www.readingtipsforfamilies.com/>

<https://crane.osu.edu/our-work/interactive-read-alouds-tips-for-parents-and-caregivers-for-enriching-reading-experiences-at-home/>

**Kindergarten Camp:** A two week kindergarten camp was offered at the end of summer at Taft elementary. 55 incoming kindergarten students attended the camp which featured a focus on beginning school skills such as name recognition, letter recognition, how to color, cut, form letters, hold a pencil, how to form and stand in a line, ask & answer questions about a story and Heggerty. students were also able to ride the bus to and from school. A great experience to understand the rules for riding on a bus before riding with older students. Photos from Kindergarten Camp can be found [here](#).



**Enrichment Camps:** During two weeks this summer, Marion City Schools offered more than 20 Enrichment Camps for the first time for all grade levels to choose from. These camps offered students a chance to learn new skills in a variety of areas. 60 students joined the three day camp offerings with Makerspace (Art), Cooking from the Garden, and Sing, Play, Create showing up as the most popular activities. To view photos from the summer Enrichment Camps, click [here](#).

While not all summer learning opportunities offered lasted a full day, students were also able to attend the YMCA Camp a Grant Middle School for additional instruction and fun activities. Check out our YMCA Camp photos [here](#).



These were just a few of our many summer initiatives to keep our students caught up, engaged and learning during summer break. None of these great opportunities would be possible without the more than 60 amazing teachers and staff who dedicated their time to summer learning and activities. MCS is grateful for your commitment to our students and the success of these programs. Take a look at a few of these amazing staff members [here](#).

