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Summer Camp & Vacation Bible School Wrap-up

Our Summer School and Vacation Bible School ended on August 4th, 2011. We were blessed to have 50 students. Our camp ran from June 27th - August 4th, 2011, Monday thru Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm. The theme of our 2011 Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp was "Jesus Truth Seekers".

We were staffed with seven (7) full time positions which included our Camp Director, three teachers, and three counselors. We also had two part-time staff members, one Arts & Crafts instructor and one Dance instructor. The first week was dedicated to Vacation Bible School studies. Urban Ministries literature was used for this week.

Our daily activities included Bible Study, Devotion, Health & Nutrition, Learning support in areas of Reading, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Computer skills. Each child was served breakfast, lunch and a snack, provided by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Our weekly activities were swimming and exercise, dance, music, arts and drama, games and music.

This year our trips included the Franklin Institute, Millennium Skating rink, Solly Brothers Farm, Victorian Vanities (ages 6-9), Philadelphia Museum of Art (ages 10-13), and the Baltimore Harbor.

Our closing exercise was held at the Social Hall of the Landreth at 23rd & Federal Streets. The closing was a fitting end of summer program following a wonderful Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School.



Dancing



Singing



Victorian Vanities



Skating



Crafts



Baltimore Harbor



Closing exercise - August 4th, 2011

Landreth - 23rd & Federal

SUMMER

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VBS

John Gloucester Community Garden

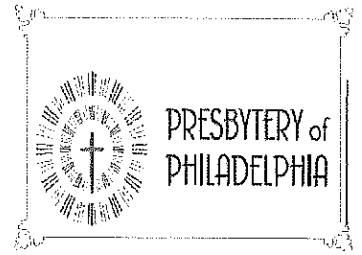
This year we planted our first community garden. We were fortunate to have several people from the Manoa Presbyterian Church to help us. We planted Peppers and Tomatoes.



Our community and our parents and staff were given the peppers and tomatoes directly from the garden and were pleasantly surprised. The comments we received were very encouraging and we plan to continue gardening and increase the amount of planting and add additional vegetables for planting.

Visit to Farmer's Market

On Tuesday, September 27th, our After School Enrichment Students took a Walking Trip to a "Farmer's Market" which is sponsored by the Food Trust Program. The children participated in an activity and were able to take home fresh fruits and vegetables.



Saturday Academy Closing Exercises



On Saturday, June 11, 2011, we had our closing exercise for the Saturday Academy. The closing was held here at the JGH and had parents and friends in attendance. We were able to present each student who completed the program with a Lap-top Computer. Six of our students advanced to college. Three of our students had full scholarships. Our new session started 9/9/11. 09/09/11.

