

CAMPS-AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS

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Abstract:

Camps offer variety of different activities. Children during camps gain a lot of new knowledge, establish new friendship, boost their self-confidence, they have a great time and fun, dive into new hobbies and new horizons of thinking. As a part of the work pupils at our elementary school, we organize weekend camps for recognized talented pupils. The camps last between the weekend, two (Saturday and Sunday) or three days (from Friday afternoon to Sunday). The camp for gifted pupils is carried out once in school years. Others camps (language) are prepared depending on the staff's time and ideas.

In these camps, we have carried out various activities which I will present in this article. Most of the activities are prepared by our school teachers themselves. The activities are socially oriented, we also include counselling (psychologist, social pedagogue) and thus strengthen the skills in this field. When registering with camps, pupils also had the opportunity to choose the topic, which they will pay more attention to, and thereby strengthen and upgrade their knowledge and skills (artistic field, the scope of the foreign language - English, mathematical field, ...).

The participants participated in all planned activities, using a system of group circulation. Even in the evening, we prepared various relaxing activities for students.

The benefits which camps provide are immeasurable. Children love to attend camps, there they have the opportunity, to be relaxed, to enjoy the company of their peers, grasp and evolve their talents, empower their knowledge and social skills.

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