



Aim High in Action



The Aim High summer program is now in full swing! Aim High Achievers are learning and laughing in their math, science, English, and social studies classes. Physical fun is even more popular as noncompetitive games are played alongside traditional sports. The electives offered this year include: ceramics, robotics and programming, chess, dance, an examination of conspiracy theories, yearbook, and many more!



Interested in seeing more of our program? Follow us on Instagram at [aimhigh_stl](#) to see our Achievers in action.

Villa 7th Graders Welcome new 6th Grade Class With Letters of Encouragement

The 7th grade class at Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School took some time to share their experiences with the new 6th grade class and to offer some advice and encouragement. Below are a few examples:

Dear 6th grader,
How's Aim High so far? I thought 6th grade was fun last year. Hopefully you will form a bond with some of your teachers and TAs. I think it's important you set a goal for Aim High and after. Also Aim High is not just a summer camp or school. It mixes in fun with academic skills. When you walk in Aim High you come with what you knew but when you walk out you always know something else. I also want you to feel comfortable with us 7th graders. We don't bite and we're not that much bigger than you. The teachers have high expectations and want you to succeed. Also, go into your school knowing everything you learned from here. Aim High is an amazing program, and anybody who is a part of it is very lucky. It might be a short amount of time we're here but it's up to you to take every second seriously to learn and grow.
Sincerely,
Shanti

Dear 6th grader,
Aim High helps you a lot in the 6th grade but you have to pay attention. At the beginning of 6th grade you might be scared, but when you learn something at Aim High and run into it again at school you are already a step ahead of your classmates. Aim High also makes your grades go up a lot. But if you don't understand don't give up, try again, and you will get it but you have to believe. ALWAYS TRY YOUR HARDEST.
Sincerely,
Alycia

Dear 6th grader,
Always pay attention in your class. Everything they are doing is to see how well you have learned. Also, ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask questions even if it doesn't make any sense. If you do well, when you are back at school everything will be so easy. Last year I didn't ask that many questions because I was too shy to talk in front of the class. Once I got to know the TAs and the staff members that went away. Always try to stay active. My friend was just standing still during soccer but she started playing because I was encouraging her and she had a great time. Always do well and you will achieve many goals. Have fun in 6th grade.
Your Leader,
Alex

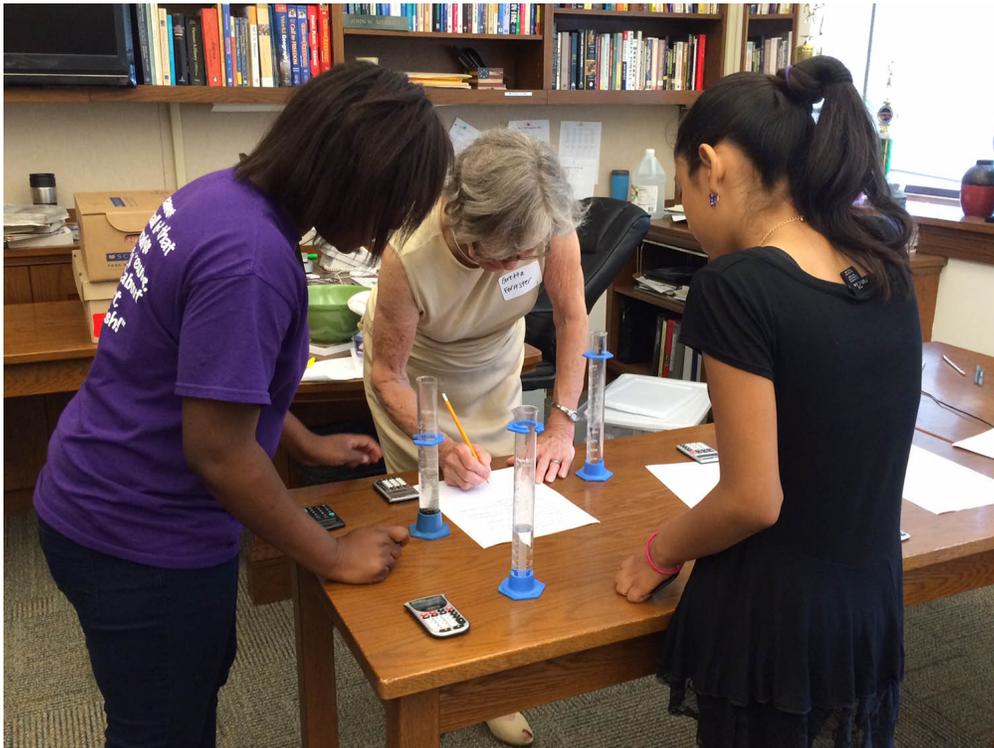
A "Happy" Introduction to Jazz



Aim High Achievers from the Burroughs and Priory sites were treated to an

excellent performance by the Jazz group Two Times True. Carolbeth True is a very active member of the St. Louis musical community, as both a performing artist and teacher. Her son Dave True plays drums for the group and also serves on Aim High's Board of Directors. Glen Smith was featured on bass, Larry Johnson on saxophone, and Kim Fuller provided the vocals for the performance. The group began with the classic "It Don't Mean A Thing" by Duke Ellington, and ended with their own rendition of "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. Each of the performers explained to the Achievers some of the history of jazz and its influences on a variety of today's popular music. We are so thrilled and grateful to have such accomplished musicians share their talents with us.

Save the Date - Friends and Family Days



Please visit us this summer for Friends and Family Day!
St. Louis Priory School July 19th 9am-10am
John Burroughs School July 19th 11am-12pm
Villa Duchesne School July 20th 10am-11am

Connect with an Aim High Achiever and learn more about the impact of Aim High!

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