



Succeed2gether Newsletter

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Our Programs:

- After-School one-on-one tutoring for over 150 students in grades 1 – 12.
- Book and math buddy for students who need help with reading comprehension, fluency, and basic math skills.
- After-school enrichment workshops such as writing, STEM, and more.
- Parent workshops to help support a child's learning.
- Summer Workshops, weekly modules in various subjects.
- Succeed2gether's annual Montclair Literary Festival

Introduction to Summer Modules

This year, Succeed2gether started a pilot summer enrichment program that featured nine fun and exciting weeklong classes for students. These free or low-cost classes were on subjects such as math and language arts enrichment for younger children (grades 1-3) at the Montclair Public Library, that also offered the kids free lunch and reading time with a book buddy, a popular class on video game animation, as well as one on app design, robotics and drones. There were also entertaining classes on story illustration and creative writing for elementary and middle school students. Chess and spoken word poetry were also offered. Feedback on the classes was an A+!

Jacqueline Mroz, S2G Program Director



“If I had a dollar, I would give it to people who don’t have homes- Matthew”

In June, Succeed2gether held a free workshop for high school students and their families on making the most out of your first year of college.

The well-attended talk touched on helping teens learn how to navigate life as a college student and avoiding common missteps. It also addressed dealing with stress and loneliness. MHS alumni gave tips on starting your first year better prepared, dealing with roommates, studying, and being an advocate for yourself. Speakers were Lisa Westreich, LCSW, MSU referral coordinator, Montclair State University, Deirdre Narcisse, Psychologist, MSU staff psychologist, Montclair State University and Suzanne Farkas, LCSW with a private practice in Montclair, as well as four Montclair High School alumni—three of these were former tutors for our program including Lucas Boyce, Hank Greenberg and Ravi Lake. Emery Bergman, another MHS graduate who made a viral video on feeling lonely at college, also spoke.

Jacqueline Mroz, S2G Program Director

If I Had a Dollar

Seven rising first-, second-, and third graders spent a week sharpening math and language arts skills, as part of Succeed2gether’s Summer Module Program. They practiced counting by twos to one hundred, using pennies to get to a dollar. Then they did the same counting by fives with nickels, counting by tens with dimes, and finally counting by twenty-fives with quarters. Once they had a pretty good understanding of the value of a dollar, they read Judith Viorst’s Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday, the story of a boy who gets a dollar from his grandma. Though he wants to save his dollar to buy a walkie-talkie, Alexander squanders his money in various (and hilarious) ways, ending up with only bus token to his name.

We asked our readers what they would do with a dollar, and discussed the difference between spending, saving, and donating. The quote to the left is a result of their consideration.

Sally Solo, S2G Instructor, July 2019



Party with a Purpose

We had a terrific speaker - Dr. Rene Graham, reading interventionist- and a strong turnout for the end-of-the-school year celebration for S2G's after-school tutoring program. Renee gave excellent tips for students and parents wanting to avoid the "summer slide" in academic progress. Our students were awarded certificates recognizing their commitment and hard work - and, of course, there was pizza!

Below, photos by Bill Solomon and Antoinette Martin of the event held June 5 at S2G offices, 11 Pine St., Montclair.

Antoinette Martin, S2G Program Administrator

Moving Up!

Tutor Roger B. and student Joshua F. were both proud of Joshua's excellent progress at S2G's after-school tutoring program this year. Roger made sure to attend Joshua's moving-up-to-middle-school ceremony to bask in Joshua's reflected glory. (Photo by Joshua's mom)

Antoinette Martin, S2G Program Administrator



Upcoming Events

After-School Tutoring Program

- Begins week of September 23rd - 27th, 2019

After-School Workshops

- Begins late October Early November 2019
- Classes offered in Spoken Word Poetry, STEM Club for Girls, and Technology.