

EARLY EDUCATION

We are thrilled to share an update on our middle school elective course, Early Education and Human Development, where our middle schoolers are developing the skills and confidence to work with young children. In this unique course, students are learning not only how to interact effectively with younger children but also how to understand their developmental needs. They've been exploring how children think, communicate, and learn, which has sparked great enthusiasm and curiosity among our middle schoolers. This experience has allowed them to become more empathetic, responsible, and creative in their approach to guiding young learners.

One of the exciting aspects of the Early Education course is our recent focus on reading and literacy support. Middle school students have learned key reading techniques and practiced expressive storytelling to become animated and engaging readers. Through this training, they've prepared to serve as reading buddies to WVCS's TK and Kindergarten students, creating an environment where reading becomes a fun and interactive experience. These sessions allow our middle schoolers to build positive relationships with their younger peers, helping to foster a love of reading in both the mentors and the mentees. It has been rewarding to watch their confidence grow as they develop these skills and step into the role of role models.



This week, our students have taken their learning a step further by planning an afternoon filled with age-appropriate games for the younger children. Through this, they've practiced skills in organization, communication, and leadership, preparing to lead the games with enthusiasm and patience. This hands-on experience allows them to apply what they've learned in a meaningful way, understanding the importance of clear instructions, encouragement, and adaptability when working with young children. We look forward to seeing our middle schoolers take on this exciting challenge and know that this experience is helping them build a foundation for leadership, compassion, and teamwork that will benefit them for years to come.

