

BOOK NOOK

Mounting evidence suggests that afterschool programs can play a vital role in improving literacy outcomes for children.

EAC YMCA OFFERS:

- 1) A print rich environment that integrates curriculum projects with books and comprehension tools;
- 2) Incorporating a multicultural and leveled library into the program that speaks to the real interests of our children with cozy, attractive reading areas.

PREVENTING SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

It has been shown that low-income youth suffer significantly from a loss of academic skills over the summertime. **EAC YMCA** focuses on enhancing the academic opportunities of **EAC YMCA** Summer Camp through our various learning stations and help reduce many pressing concerns such as closing the academic gap.



EINSTEIN TIME

Each week children experience over 20 enriching developmentally-appropriate curriculum projects that include:

- arts & crafts
- STEM
- physical exercise
- group games and activities.

These projects are created by **EAC YMCA**'s curriculum specialists and are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Our **Extend-A-Care YMCA** staff members are making great efforts to include Social Emotional Learning as a piece of your child's daily schedule.

GROUP MEETING GUIDES CHILDREN TOWARDS:

- acknowledgement of self awareness
- self-management
- social awareness
- responsible decision making
- relationship skills



ENHANCED THEMED AREAS

Our summer camp professionals spend countless hours creating enhanced areas that correspond to our summer themes. These thematic areas offer children a place to enrich their creative thinking, and promote an inviting and fun space for them to enjoy throughout their summer days.



SWIMMING

Beginner, intermediate, and experienced swimmers welcome! Children will participate in swim trips at our local YMCA pools weekly, if weather permits.

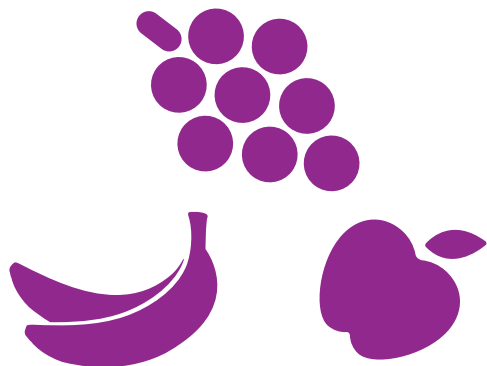
EAC YMCA also provides children with four swim lessons with dedicated YMCA swim instructors during **SHARKS 'N MINNOWS** theme week!



HEALTHY SNACK

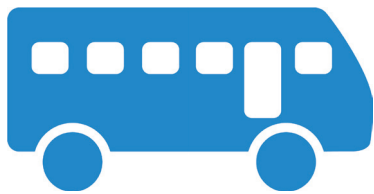
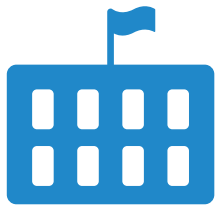
EAC YMCA ensures children have access to a healthy, balanced snack each morning and afternoon.

Snacks include a variety of vegetables and fruits, whole grains, and small amounts of added sugar and saturated fat. All USDA approved.



FIELD TRIPS

Every student will experience several field trips over the summer to fun-filled places and sometimes experts bring exciting activities and exhibits right to our site!



TINKER TIME

At Tinker Time, campers have the opportunity to engage in a variety of hands on STEM activities in a space that promotes creativity, invention, and learning.

TECH TIME

Tech Time is a weekly offering that allows the children to build their technology skills through educational activities such as interactive games and exploring different places through virtual field trips related to the weekly curriculum theme.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

EAC YMCA offers a program where children can engage with peers and establish meaningful friendships.

