

FDDOC WINNERS' CIRCLE SUMMER CAMP & TENNIS ENRICHMENT

FDDOC Winners' Circle offered over 200 students in our tutoring program a three-week Summer Camp at Oak Park Elementary/Middle School in June. Academic focus this summer was ELA and creative writing for all students. Enrichments varied and included art, music, theater, physical education, and tennis. The 59 middle school students especially enjoyed their time outdoors learning the basic rules of tennis and playing matches with against each other during the last week of camp.

Our coach, the Tennis Pro at Centenary College, and his son not only taught students the game of tennis using a modified 10 & Under format and the ACES curriculum, they also mentored these middle-schoolers, and encouraged good sportsmanship, respect, fair play, and self-control. Many students had never been exposed to the sport and were eager to find out where they could go to play after the camp was over. Oak Park has a tennis program during the school year and many hoped to be involved.

The last week of camp, students engaged in non-sanctioned competition playing singles against each other to 7 points winning by 2. Students received racquets, tennis balls, tennis themed books, water bottles, and other incentives during the camp which they were able to take home and enjoy for the summer.

FDDOC is a community partner with the Northwest Louisiana Community Tennis Association (NWLACTA), a registered NJTL, has made application for NET Generation, Kids Tennis Club Member, past and present recipient of various USTA and STPF tennis grants, a past recipient of the Education Merit Award and has received other rewards in conjunction with the NWLACTA.

Our mission is to educate the whole child to **believe, belong, and become** successful by delivering high-quality education activities and lifetime enrichment programs to support at-risk students in obtaining educational goals and leading productive and successful lives.

