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Reading Innovation at School 12

School 12 has created a reading enrichment program for 25 of their 6th and 7th graders called *School 12 University*. School 12 University is a program designed to strengthen students' reading skills while helping them to be familiar with and acclimated to, college expectations.

On the first day of School 12 University, each student received a copy of the course syllabus. Ms. Amber Lassiter, the reading specialist who created the program, reviewed the syllabus, class expectations, learning goals/objectives, grading system, due dates for assignments and the culminating project with the students. At School 12 University, students are learning how to use the Cornell note-taking system to extract information found in the college level texts they are reading about brain development.

According to Xiomara, a 6th grader, "I'm learning about the reactive brain and how to underline important information while I am reading a text." While Icic, a 7th grader said, "Since attending School 12 University, I realized that I am not a bad reader. I like being treated like a college student." Thanks to this innovative new program, the scholars of School 12 University have measurably increased their reading levels!

School 29's Civil Engineers in Training



How many professionals take the components of a building they have just completed and recreate the structure into a bridge? Ms. Reid's students at School 29 recently spent a morning doing just that using cups, squares of cardboard, a straw, scissors and some aluminum foil. Once they had created a tower with a height of 42 centimeters that could resist the "wind" of a fanning notebook, they reused the materials to form a bridge. College and university engineering programs, prepare yourselves for the class of 2032!

STEM hosts Jazz Ensemble

As part of their ongoing celebration of Black History Month, the School of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at JFK hosted a visit from members of the *NJ Jazz Society*. Music teacher, Ms. Young Suh reached out to the Society to bring this educational performance to Paterson. The group performed a number of songs and gave students a lesson on the history of Jazz. The troupe explained how Jazz is a uniquely American and African-American form of musical expression that began in New Orleans at the turn of the 20th Century.



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