

Panther Pride

Education Edition

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ICRE-R welcomed new and returning students to the building with fun welcome week activities to kick off the school year! Students navigated their way to classes and were ready to learn. Our special education teacher in charge of the first-year home and personal management classes worked in conjunction with our residential services department to teach independent living skills. Other teachers and staff collaborated to launch our improved production center and facilitate the second year of our self-employment class in partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago. Students began travel training, and some got their first experiences out in the community as young adults. The students enjoyed the Chicago White Sox game and adaptive rock climbing. Staff and students finished the month with a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and ICRE-R Spirit Week, where they showed off Panther Pride.

Admissions

On September 28th I attended a Career and College Fair at Harper College in Palatine, IL. This fair was targeting high school students with disabilities.



Culinary Arts

Greetings, my students are making significant accomplishments in culinary arts. They're breaking barriers that were a challenge to them. For example, cooking on a stove, prepping meals, and completing finished products.

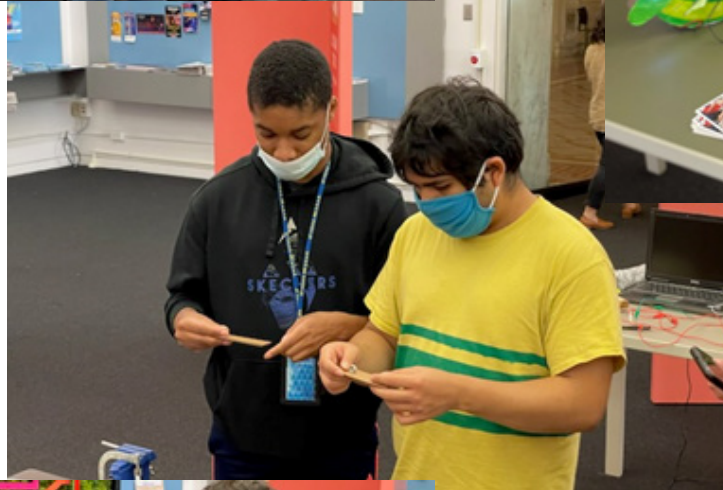


Culinary Arts Cont.



Code Create STEM Activity

The students attended a STEM activity for producing animatronic puppets with Code Create. The show focused on disability and automation. ICRE staff participated in a free professional development session and workshop with students related to the show. The interactive activities were very accessible.



Activity Planning

Students participate in various expressive, mental, and physical therapeutic recreational activities for Activity Therapy at ICRE. Some of these activities this school year have included a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, White Sox baseball game, adaptive rock climbing, art therapy, leisure education, movement therapy, and a drone program. Attached are some photos from adaptive rock climbing, the White Sox baseball game, arts & crafts, pet therapy, and ICRE's school spirit week. Some student activities coming up include Best Buddies, Music Therapy, adaptive swimming, and apple orchard visits. Activity Therapy at ICRE provides opportunities for students to practice and develop healthy and independent leisure, recreation, and social lifestyle that can assist them in building daily living skills.



Activity Planning Cont.



Production

In Production (Heat Press) the students learn how to press items and the proper temperature settings for each item that is pressed. Students will also learn how to search for images with high resolutions for better image quality and how to resize images to press on apparel with our Swing Arm Heat Press and press mugs with our Mug Press.



Home Management

Class for Home Management – Ms. Evans

Students have learned.

1. Health Issues- Identifying good and bad health problems
2. Cleaning- Understanding how to use cleaning products in the kitchen, bathroom and living room
3. Laundry- Students will apply skills in which they will wash and dry clothing. Skills can be transferred into residential environment.
4. Meal Preparation
 - A. Breakfast- Cereal
 - B. Lunch- Salad and healthy sandwiches
 - C. Dinner- Vegetable plate and meats such as chicken and fish

Personal Management-

Self-Care

Personal Management- Psychological, Self- Reflection, Practice asking for and receiving help

Emotional Support- Self- Love, Self- Compassion, and Practice forgiveness

Daily - students can discuss likes and dislikes of everyday situations such as behavior and social skills.

Classroom Setting- students are in cooperative learning groups with daily affirmations, Cool Down Table for students who need to self-reflect and college learning with remote activities.

Developing extensive reading skills- Students will read novels and use cell phones for a daily article that they would like to discuss

Antidotal Notes taken by teacher for interaction with adult learners, visual and hands-on materials are accessible in the classroom to relieve stress such as stress balls, bells, squeak able lights

Fun Thursday- Games that will in the classroom and in their homes such as Family Feud and Charades.

Graphic Design

The students in graphic design at ICRE-R have been learning how to create word prompts to use in AI text-to-image programs. There are no limits to the possibilities of AI text-to-image art, except your own imagination. This is an extremely powerful tool for our students at ICRE-R. It allows them to create by only using text or voice prompts. I have added a few examples below.

