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UWEX AmeriCorps*VISTA Success Story

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Two afterschool programs are currently being offered at the Tri-County School. Fun-Fridays for third and fourth grade students has sixteen registered participants. The middle school program for grades five through eight is held in conjunction with the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. On the average sixteen students participate in this program also. Topics that we have covered include: Marine Life, Multi-Cultural Understanding, Team building activities, Recognizing Strengths, and Environmental Education. A survey of the middle school participants on their development of life skills as a result of their participation in the program yielded the following results: 69% indicated they listen when someone is talking to them. 56% wait for their turn to talk in a group. 81% share their ideas with others. 44% have worked with someone that they have not worked with before. 50% make sure everyone is included in group activities. 63% have contributed to group decisions. 75% helped solve group problems. 69% tried new ways to solve a problem. We have observed that the participants have less hesitancy to work with others, gained more respect for other students, and bullying among the participants has lessened.