



STONE SOUP SCOOP[®]

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Stone Soup Child Care Programs

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Keeping Our Kids Up on the Arts

In addition to enhancing the educational goals of the children and schools through our homework assistance, tutoring, and reading programs, Stone Soup contracts with guest artists to introduce the students to a variety of forms of music, dance, drama, and visual arts while incorporating customs of various cultures.

With leaner education budgets and the focus on core curricula, many schools have eliminated enrichment activities and reduced physical education time. Research finds that participation in the arts gives children a reason to like school better just as sports participation does.

Aimee Young Hopkins of Aimee Art Productions has provided some of Stone Soup's outstanding Southern California professional artists for many years. Through her, this year Stone Soup contracted with instructors who taught guitar and songwriting, magical drums, Irish dance drama, music through the ages, and rhythm instruments. Other classes included cultural dances, party dance, yoga, and tai chi. Northern California programs incorporated dance instruction, music, and martial arts into enrichment activities.

All summer programs feature field trips and include aquariums, museums, science education facilities, parks, farms, roller skating, golf, and swimming. In addition, nutrition and fitness is taught year-round by Stone Soup staff and interns.



"Irish Dance Drama" instructor Máire Clerkin leads her Stone Soup performers from Frank Wright School in El Monte in a theater performance from a Celtic folk tale which involved improvisation, teamwork, and Irish dancing!



Artist Pashyo Sarkin teaches the magic of African drumming to Stone Soupers at La Primaria School. Students played music from Ghana, Senegal, and Guinea on buckets, shakers, and African drums.



Women Helping Youth awards Stone Soup a \$23,248 Grant!

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