

This is What Kids Say at B.E.S.T.

In addition to rehearsing the show, B.E.S.T. students are divided into groups with whom they interact with throughout the program. These groups create skits, play drama games, and share their talents during rehearsals and our lunchtime shows each week. Toward the end of the session, all of the children provided feedback about their experience. Here are a few comments that best reflect what the students learned over the three weeks.

What did you learn at BEST?

“I have learned that it’s okay to be yourself.”
– Hannah MacNeil, 13

“You don’t have to be a lead to be noticed.”
– Madison Walker, 13

“Many stage terms and how to have a healthy voice.”
– Judy Desmond, 12

“It is okay to express who I am freely.” – Emily Klesaris, 14

“To be more social and to sing out.” – Tatiana Hawkins, 12

“I learned a lot about body language!” – Angie Melin, 11

“How to project my voice!” – Samantha Matai, 12

“I learned that in improv you never say ‘no!’ ”
– Samantha Murphy, 12

“Bigger actions are better.” – Jenny L’Heureux, 14

“ ‘The Prince Is Giving a Ball’ dance over and over again!”
– Erica Czerwinski, 10

“How to improve my acting skills and to do jazz hands while dancing.” – Michael Fazio, 13

“To be loud and make eye contact onstage, and to improvise if you forget your line.” – Chloe MacNeil, 13

“How to do the Gavotte and the Waltz!” – Caitlin Shea, 13

What I like most about BEST!

“Finding my inner diva.” – Christina Charmont, 14

“All the counselors and kids in the program are so nice and talented!” – Grace Visco, 12

“I can make my own character traits and pretend that I’m a different person.” – Emily Gillis, 11

“Playing games!” – Ari Karampekios, 10

“Singing and dancing because I like to move fast.”
– Laelia Fowler, 10

“I like how much fun we have with our counselors and our new friends.” – Caitlin Martinage, 13

“The counselors are always there to help.”
– Elizabeth Amaral, 12

“We get to do a lot of dancing.” – Sara Capobianco, 11

“The stage is a place where you can show people who you are and that you love what you’re doing.”
– Ivy Saltsman, 14

“I learned that with hard work and persistence you can do anything.” – Mikaila Gnerre, 12