

# GirlSTART



" GirlSTART" is a program designed to increase literacy skills, self-esteem and success of girls



Through a literacy focus, GirlSTART emphasizes the fundamental skills necessary to succeed and face future academic challenges. GirlSTART participants take part in a variety of educational and enrichment activities aimed at creating a positive relationship with learning and engaging girls in hands-on, interactive activities not always available during school hours.

## **Why are out-of-school literacy programs so beneficial?**

**Rather than simply replicating school-day strategies they can...**

- Reinforce individual literacy skills.
- Provide experiences that develop literacy concepts and vocabulary.
- Empower girls to apply literacy skills in new and practical ways
- Provide opportunities for girls to learn to enjoy books, writing, and playing with language.
- Offer fun and engaging activities that help girls build relationships and practice decision making.