



# Staying Motivated & Learning How to Swim

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It is at the Summer Institute that Remy impressed his counselor, St. Paul’s School for Girls 2016 alumna, Aissatou Boye. She recalls, “Two students were arguing over something. After the argument, Remy went over to a classmate who was clearly upset and said ‘there’s way bigger problems in the world than this; you’ll be alright,’ which actually worked and the classmate was good again. I admire his positive attitude and how easily he can make everyone around him smile.”

By the time summer ended, Remy had left his mark. Mrs. Ortiz, his math teacher for the summer, concluded of Remy, “He’s very helpful, supportive, participates, does his homework and works really hard.” Bridges’ goal is to help Remy and students like him continue to foster these great qualities. “We want to keep Remy motivated and help him live up to the potential that his teachers have seen in him. And we want to help him see his own potential,” said Mr. Lindsay.



**Summer Institute field trip to City Garage: students got a peek at modern manufacturing - Remy and classmates saw the creation of custom skateboards, educational drones and more!**

Remy and his classmates worked hard and had fun during the Summer Institute but his greatest achievement, in his words, “was when I first learned how to swim. I have never been able to swim and I wanted to try, so Mr. Paymer taught me.” His mom, Jennifer, remarked, “I loved how [the Summer Institute] was fun but still academically engaging and how much team building he did with the other students.”

Bridges will support Remy and his fourth grade cohort over the next nine years through summer programs, school-year programs, school guidance and one-on-one support.



**Remy and 4th grade Head Counselor, Aissatou Boye, at the annual Bridges 5k.**



**Remy on a Summer Institute field trip to Kayam Farm learning the value of serving others through providing farm fresh food resources to those in need.**

