



# Grasshoppers

## Letter from the Director:

Dear Grasshoppers Families:

4th of July is a great time of year! I love to see families getting together, long weekends, fireworks, and everything else that goes along with the 4th. At camp we also try to make this a special time of year. Hopefully you've heard some of the songs at home the campers have been learning here. We also had a parade around the playground to culminate the week. All the

campers really seemed to get into the Patriotic spirit this week.

I want to say thank you to all of the parents who have made this such a successful start to the summer. I have never experienced such a smooth start to a program as I have this year. Much of that rests on campers being ready and prepared to come to camp, and for that... thanks!

*Kevin*

## Summer Stuff Day Camps

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## Upcoming Events

- Next week we will be focusing on the zoo. This includes creating our penguins, zebras, elephants, and giraffes...oh my!
- Please join us at Farmer's Market on Thursday, July 16. Festivities will take place at 11:00 AM for the morning program and 2:30 PM for the afternoon program. Also, fresh flowers are appreciated that day for our flower arranging activity.

## Quotable Quotes

### Things overheard at camp:

Overheard during circle time:

"I have to save a seat for my 2 new best friends. I just met them today."

Overheard while the hose was in the sandbox:

"I am going to keep digging until I get to the water!"

Overheard during bubbles with Julie:

"Look, it's magic!"

## Reminders

- The weather is constantly changing, please send your child to camp with the appropriate clothing. Hopefully we will need that sunscreen again soon!
- Please be sure everything that comes to camp is labeled with your child's name.
- Just a quick reminder about pick-up times at Grasshoppers. Pick-up is at 11:30 for the morning session and 3:00 for the afternoon session.

### Next Week

Next week's theme is "Grasshopper and Butterfly Go to the Zoo."

# Grasshoppers Daily Events

## Design by Ginger

Our theme this week was Grasshopper and Butterfly Watch the Fireworks. We were very busy celebrating the Fourth of July and getting ready for all of the fireworks, picnics, and parades!

At circle time, we read Fourth of July books as well as books about friendship. We also learned a new song and finger-play called "I'm a Little Firework" and "Fireworks, Fireworks."

Ms. Julie, our music teacher, also stopped by and we had a great time signing, dancing, and playing instruments to many different songs! We sang about colors, friendship, and the Fourth of July. A few of the songs were "We Are Going to the Fireworks Show," "We All Go Marching," and "This Land is Your Land."

On Thursday, we marched around the playground in our very own Fourth of July parade. We sang, danced, and shook our homemade shakers!

## Interest by Stacy

This week the campers used their wonderful imaginations at the water and play dough tables to demonstrate fun 4th of July activities. The grasshoppers had fun making tall towers with American flags and glitter. They also made delicious ice cream cones, pizza and cupcakes with red and blue play dough.

At the water table the kids were very creative with the pouring toys. The water was dyed with blue and red coloring and with sparkly glitter. The grasshoppers enjoyed experimenting with water and sand and made beautiful sand castles.

## Art by Adam

There were all sorts of patriotic projects at the art table this week. On Monday we used colored charcoal, glitter and glue to create a fireworks spectacular. On Tuesday we used bingo markers and canvas boards to create our own unique flags. On Wednesday we decorated shakers in preparation for our big 4th of July Parade on Thursday. On Thursday we used water color

and diffusion paper to create more fireworks! The campers blew on straws to spread the paint into an explosion of colors.



Parading Around the Playground for 4th of July