



Grasshoppers

Letter from the Director:

Dear Grasshoppers Families:

Camp is halfway over, and I can't believe it has gone by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday the campers were arriving on their first day. I'm looking forward to the next three weeks, and I know they will be even better than the first!

This week is also a very bittersweet week at camp. We are saying goodbye to many of our interns that have finished their sum-

mer internship at Grasshoppers. The internship program is designed to give young people a chance to make a real contribution to younger children. Year in and year out I am always impressed with the quality of Interns that are committed to our program. I'd like to take this time to say thank you to all those who volunteered their time at our camp, and made sure all the campers had a great time!

Kevin

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

"The caterpillars are going in their raccoons! "

-Overheard at caterpillar exhibit

"I could do art for a billion years!"

-Overheard at the art table

"I'm the king of play-dough!"

-Overheard at the play-dough table

Reminders

- Remember to bring flowers for the Farmer's Market next Thursday. One of our favorite activities is a flower arranging activity, and it doesn't work without your generous
- Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child every day! We try to be outside as much as possible, even on cloudy days, so sunscreen is very important.
- Please make sure your camper is always dressing accordingly at camp. With all the fun games and activities we play, there is a possibility your camper could get dirty.

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Upcoming Events

- We have new interns starting next week! Please help us in welcoming them when you see them throughout the week.
- 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.

Next Week

Next week's theme is "Farmer's Market" and we're excited to paint vegetables during the week.

Grasshoppers Daily Events

Design by Adam

We had a roaring good time this week when Grasshopper and Butterfly went to the zoo! The campers loved having animals incorporated into all of our activities.

At circle, we read lots of great books about animals. We practiced counting with Eric Carle's *1, 2, 3 To The Zoo* and Eileen Christelow's *Five Little Monkeys Sitting in a Tree*. We also learned some interesting facts about many different animals in Linda Capus Riley's *Elephants Swim*.

Ms. Julie was back again to sing some wonderful songs about animals. The campers particularly enjoyed *The Animal Birthday Song* which points out that animals have birthdays too! Also, Ms Julie let the campers use percussion instruments to play along with the songs.

This was the last week for most of the interns. We will be getting a new batch next week.

Thank you to Zachary for bringing in popsicles on Monday!

Interest by: Stephanie

This week at Grasshoppers the children had an awesome time while Grasshopper and Butterfly went to the zoo! The kids' favorite activities were the play dough and water table. They had so much fun splashing water and making animals swim. At the play dough table they were always looking forward to which color is coming the

next day. Whether it's purple on Monday and yellow on Tuesday, the campers were always excited! The children had a fun time cutting out shapes, rolling it around and making sculptures with their fun animal friends watching them. The kids also had a blast on the tire swing! Spinning round and round or back and forth.

Art by Stacy

This week in art the campers had so much fun making animals with different materials. On Monday the grasshoppers enjoyed rolling clay into slithering snakes. On Tuesday the campers created beautiful zebras by marble painting colorful stripes on their zebras. Wednesday we used different shapes to sponge paint a group giraffe and hippo. Thursday the campers had fun getting messy

by painting their feet black and creating penguins. Be sure to look for the many art projects coming home!



Having Fun on the Tire Swing