



Summer Stuff

Letter from the Director:

Dear Summer Stuff Families:

The first week of camp has come and gone, and it was a rousing success. The weather was warm, but we didn't let that dampen our spirits. We kept hydrated and had plenty of water play. All the campers seemed to have a great time this week!

Believe it or not next weekend is 4th of July. That means next week will be our patriotic week at camp. Each year we have a parade around the camp grounds, and each

year the campers have a great time! We hope you can join us on Thursday!

Last year we introduced our new full-day option, Summer Stuff PLUS. Once again this year it is off to a fantastic start. The campers love the in depth art exploration, and the Construction Room is always a favorite! We still have spots open for this program in both the 2-day and 4-day options. See me if you have any questions!

Kevin

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

Camper during our art safari project:

I'm not going on a safari, but I have a hat if I do!

Camper during playground:

This is the best camp ever!

Camper working in the Construction Room during Summer Stuff PLUS:

All this material is soooo cool!

Summer Stuff PLUS Happenings

Creativity was flowing in the construction room as we created all things animal. There were zoos and jungles (the kind with traps to protect the animals).

Julie took us to Africa and we sang native songs and took turns drumming the

djembe.

In art we studied the life and techniques of Andy Warhol. He is most known for his Campbell Soup can rendering and his portraits of Marilyn Monroe. First, we practiced drawing the same thing four times.

Then, we painted the background of our portrait accordion books. Last, we drew our portrait (the same way) on each of the pages of the book.

Next week we are looking forward to the arrival of Mad Science.

Summer Stuff Day Camps

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Upcoming Events

- Smile:) Next Tuesday is Picture Day. Please have your camper in their camp t-shirts!
- Thursday, July 2, is our 4th of July parade. Please join us at 12:30 for our parade and performance. It's a great time year after year.
- Every Thursday is our weekly cookout! Your camper may bring a hotdog and we'll do the grilling! Please send it in a plastic bag labeled with your camper's name and group. Don't forget the bun!

Reminder

- Please LABEL everything that comes to camp. We already have lost towels and t-shirts we would like to return, but unfortunately they do not have names on them!

Summer Stuff Daily Events

Design by Devin

Swinging into summer was the theme this week and the weather certainly felt as though we were in the jungle!

Settling into new routines and making new friends was our mission and by the time we left on Thursday our mission was accomplished!

What makes a good bubble? In science we learned that the more soap you add the better your bubbles will be!

Miss Julie came for a visit and she taught us songs about making new friends and we even danced the tango.

Sports by Sue

Baseball was a big hit this week with campers. We practiced our throwing, stance, and hitting skills. We finished up the week playing Beach Ball Baseball. We worked on our sportsmanship skills with some Freeze Baseball where the campers called the ball and then could give the ball to a friend who had not had a turn yet.

Story Drama and Games by Beth

We had a jungle-filled week in story drama! We read the book Elmer and worked in groups to design elephants for the Elmer's Day Parade. The kids also read Deep in the Jungle and acted out the different jungle animals from the story in an animal charade game.

We also played some getting to know you games at the beginning of the week. The kids identified their names from flashcards and shouted

them out for everyone to hear. Then we played a beach ball toss game where the kids had to say their name in a silly way when the ball was tossed to them. Last, we needed to cool off in the hot weather so we played a cooling game of Splish, Splish, Splash.

Next Week

Next week's theme is "It's a Grand Old Flag" and we will be focusing on the 4th of July!

Art by Rachel

We had a swingin' time in art this week. The week began with a fun exploration of materials while we created King of the Jungle Masks. Days two and three were spent creating Hanging Jungle Snakes. We used the process of watercolor resist. First the campers used lines and shapes to create designs on their jungle snake. Then they painted over their designs with watercolor paints. Our jungle themed week ended

with another exploration of materials while we designed our safari hats. Our week was fantastic and the children really enjoyed their time in art!



Creating Our Safari Hats