



Summer Stuff

Letter from the Director:

Dear Summer Stuff 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 great time at the parade on Thursday. I'm always amazed at all

the families that come to our events at Summer Stuff. All the campers really seemed to get into the Patriotic spirit.

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 is our Go Green week. Talk to your camper about being environmentally friendly and recycling.
- Every Thursday is hot dog cookout day. Please send a hot dog and a bun with your camper if they would like to have one. Also, it is very helpful if you put the hot dog and bun in separate containers.

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

A camper after being asked if he would put his lost tooth under his pillow:

No, I am going to put it on the top floor because I don't want her to wake me up. I want a good sleep tonight.

The next day...

I wrote the tooth fairy a note. It said please leave my tooth. I want to keep it. But you can look at it.

A camper after the playground rotation:

I feel as strong as an ox because I just learned how to do something new.

Summer Stuff PLUS Happenings

We celebrated the fourth of July in the construction room. The campers built their favorite things about living in America. Their projects included friends, family, zoos, pets, stuffed animals, and the Sears Tower!

We traveled to Central and South America with Ms. Julie this wee. Banging on the bongos from Cuba, shaking the maracas from Mexico and the quido from Ecuador, we sure are learning about all sorts of instruments!

Butterfly Barabara came to us from Mad Science and she taught us all about electricity (a circuit needs to be closed in order to work!). This week in art we began to explore the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and his faces for every season.

Reminder

- Please send a towel (labeled, of course) with your camper if they are choosing to participate in our water activities. This helps campers dry off quicker and speed up the process.

Summer Stuff Daily Events

Design by Sue

This week we added a few new songs to our set list in preparation for the 4th of July parade.

Thanks for all of you who came out to watch the parade! The campers really enjoyed waving their firecracker wands, wearing their freedom headbands/belts and shaking the noise-makers for the parade.

Our second science activity explored light and color. We answered the question what happens to light when we view it through different colors.

We took our camp pictures on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing how great they turn out.

Sports by Beth

This week in Sports we practiced Soccer skills. We began the week by practicing some dribbling and kicking drills. We also reviewed the basic rules of playing soccer before playing a game. We found out that we already have many soccer super stars and there was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm this week during Sports!

Story Drama and Games by Rachel

We began the week with learning a song called Designs In the Sky. We made firework wands to use as a prop for our song. The campers loved whirling them around in the sky! Day two we learned another Fourth of July song called Way Up In The Sky. After singing the song and acting it out we had a Fourth of July Tag Relay Race. On the third day we read The Great Cake Bake by Helen Ketteman. This story was about a cake-baking competition for

the town's big Fourth of July celebration. As a post reading activity the children picked their favorite holiday and decorated a cake made out of poster board. The campers were very excited about their cake decorating project! Our final day of Story Drama was spent practicing our songs for the Fourth of July parade!!!!

Next Week

Next week's theme is "Go Green" and we will be focusing on the environment and recycling!

Art by Devin

Art was all things red, white and blue this week? Monday we prepared out headbands using oil pastels and water colors. Tuesday we got to messy making our hand print American flags. Have you ever had someone use a paintbrush to paint your hand? Ask a Summer Stuff camper and you'll find out how it feels!

Wednesday was all about noise as we assembled and decorated our noise makers for the parade.

Thursday was all about teamwork as all groups collaborated to create out color collages in the shape of American flags and peace signs.



"Decorating" Our Cake After