



Summer Stuff

Letter from the Director:

Dear Summer Stuff 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 Summer Stuff. 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:

A camper after reading the book title, *If Frogs Made the Weather*:

Frogs don't make the weather, the weather man does!

A camper discussing our *Go Green* week with a counselor:

My mom fills up my water bottle every night with water. She REUSES it!

A camper right before a water balloon toss:

*I already know how to do a water balloon toss, I read about it in *Calvin and Hobbes*.*

Summer Stuff PLUS Happenings

This week in construction we did our part to help the environment. We went green with projects that included newly planted trees, cars that don't pollute, and space ships that take garbage away from the Earth.

We studied the work of Carmen Lomas Garza in art. Known for creating scenes from her life as memories of her Mexican heritage, campers created their own scenes. One project was a kitchen board, complete with windows, shelves, cabi-

nets, stoves and refrigerators. Some of the shelves had interchangeable objects while we drew the contents inside our refrigerators and cabinets.

Ms Julie took us to Australia and New Zealand. Hip hop Kangaroo and A Peanut

Sat on a Railroad combined with the Moari sticks and we were really jamming! Butterfly Barbara talked about color in *Mad Science*. She was impressed by our primary and secondary color knowledge!

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Events and Reminders

- Next week our theme focuses on water themed activities. Please prepare your child that they may get slightly wet throughout the day.
- On Thursday, July 23, we are once again having a camp favorite... Halloween in July. Feel free to dust off your old costumes and get ready to dress up once again.

Summer Stuff Daily Events

Design by Beth

What a week of weird weather we had! The kids had a chance for free play both inside and outside this week, in both hot and chilly weather! On Thursday for Science we talked about how static electricity works. The kids experimented with balloons to create static electricity and then they used the static electricity to move fruit loops that were hanging from a string without even touching them! The campers explored how static electricity can sometimes pull things together and at other times push things apart. As one camper said, it was just like magic!

Sports by Rachel

Take me out to the ball game! This week in sports we learned different skills related to baseball. We did different activities to promote proper throwing, and catching. The kids played the "Which base Am I" game and practiced skipping, jumping, sliding, and running to the different bases. They also played t-ball, and had a water balloon tossing contest. Fun was had by all!

Story Drama and Games by Devin

From litter police belts to recycling sort relays, the campers learned all about going green this week! After reading *If Frogs Made the Weather*, by Marion Dane Bauer we played a game of 4 corners. On Tuesday it was *Our Class is Going Green*, a book written by a kindergarten class in Oklahoma, and then silence as we played charades. Thursday it was all business as we read *Michael Recycle Meets Litterbug Doug* and worked furiously to

get our litter police badges completed. We'll be on the prowl for litterbugs and teach them what we know! Friday was a *Recycle!* by Gail Gibbons and our recycling sort relay race. Armed with the ways we can Go Green! the campers are actively helping keep our environment safe.

Next Week

Next week's theme is "Splishy, Splashy" and we will be focusing on water and the ocean!

Art by Sue

The campers were all environmentally conscience this week in art. We thought "green" for all of our projects! Starting with the Recycled Art Project on Monday and Tuesday, students brainstormed all the ways they could be green, and then made a cartoon illustration of one of their ideas. All the paper used for the project was recycled. On Wednesday we used recycled wood, oil pastels, and water color to create a 3-D

piece of wood art. We finished the week being kind to the earth by using old cardboard pieces and things found in nature to make a earth collage.



Making our Cartoon Illustrations