



Grasshoppers

Letter from the Executive Director:

Dear Grasshopper Families:

I remember my first year of teaching like it was yesterday. At parent orientation I spoke about nurturing my students social and emotional growth and how to help them with separation. I thought I knew everything....and then I had two children.

Fast forward about 8 years to just last week. I dropped my 3 yr old off to his first day of camp and he hung to my leg and begged me to take him home. I gave him a hug and told him I would be back after I ran a couple errands. I did everything I tell parents to do when this happens to them. He cried at the fence and screamed for me to come back. I ran to

my car and sobbed. Who knew how hard this parenting stuff would be?!

We are two weeks in now and he is proudly showing me his art work and singing the songs Ms. Julie has taught him. He is raving about his new buddies and even requesting to dress like them for camp each day. There are no more tears. We hit some bumps, but he is all smiles now. As for me, his happiness means the world...and then some. I hope your first couple weeks have brought many smiles and laughter to your homes and hearts. We are looking forward to 4 more weeks of fun!

Ellen

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

One camper to another who was upset about their popsicle flavor:

It's okay, don't worry, they all taste the same!

Camper talking to an intern:

Want to come over to my house for a play-date?

At the play-doh table:

I'm making a smoothie. Do you ever make smoothies? Want to be smoothie buddies?

Reminders

- Please LABEL everything that comes to camp. We're hoping to avoid a collection of t-shirts, towels, and swimsuits this year.
- We have a lot of fun art projects at Grasshoppers. Please remember to send your child in clothes that you don't mind getting a little messy!
- Please apply sunscreen on your child every day.
- Pick up at 11:30 for the morning program and 3:00 for the afternoon program.

Summer Stuff Day Camps

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Upcoming Events

- Reminder-No Camp on Monday
- Join Summer Stuff for a 4th of July Celebration. We will be participating in the Evanston parade. See the website for more details.
- Please join us at Farmer's Market on Thursday, July 15. More details will follow.

Next Week

Next week's theme is "Grasshopper and Bear Make a New Friend!"

Grasshoppers Daily Events

Design by Stacy

What a wonderful and exciting second week of camp! This week our friends grasshopper and bear took an adventure to a parade. On Thursday, the campers had a blast marching around and shaking their beautiful shakers around the playground.

The grasshoppers enjoyed singing and making lovely music with Ms. Julie. They sang about fireworks, Musical instruments and sharing. They also had fun catching and singing about bubbles!

This week the campers picked out their favorite stories to read at story time. Some books they chose were Frosty the Snowman, Five Green and Specked Frogs, Who's in the Zoo and Curious George rides a bike. What great listeners!

Happy Birthday to Brynn and Caroline. Thank you for bring in popsicles. Another thanks goes out to Max for also bringing in some popsicles.

Have a fabulous and safe 4th of July!

Interest by Breanna

The Grasshoppers had a red, white, and blue second week of camp! The campers enjoyed playing with boats in the red and blue colored water of the water table. Campers also practiced catching fish and frogs with nets.

Play-Doh also continued to be popular with many of our campers. The grasshoppers

used play-doh toys to create funny shapes - worms, noodles, and stars were popular creations.

Finally, the campers had a great time in the sandbox. They particularly liked putting the hose in the sandbox and splashing around. Campers also built sand castles and moved dirt in the dump trucks.

Art by Devin

Fans, fireworks and headbands galore! All things red white and blue for Grasshopper and Bear and their trip to the parade. Monday we worked collaboratively on a color wheel, or as Logan (AM Grasshopper) called it, "the peace sign". We organized all sorts of objects based on color. Tuesday we decorated our shakers for the big parade AND worked collaboratively creating our version of fireworks. Wednesday and Thurs-

day we painted our headbands and decorated our fans to use during the parade. If there was a contest for being patriotic, our grasshopper campers would definitely win!



Decorating our Patriotic Fans