



Grasshoppers

Letter from the Director:

Dear Grasshoppers Families:

Amazingly enough we're already half-way done with camp! Each year the summer seems to fly by, and this one is no exception. We've had a great first half of camp with all the campers and staff really enjoying themselves. I just took a look at the activities we have planned for the second half and I know it will be even more fun (if that's possible) than the first!

The end of week three also has a bit of a sad feeling to it, though. We are saying goodbye to many of our Interns at Grasshoppers. The internship program is designed to give young

people starting at 10 years old 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 want to thank all those Interns that volunteered their time with us.

On a more positive note, though, saying goodbye to some Interns means saying hello to a new group starting on Monday. Please welcome our new Interns when you see them this week..

Kevin

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Upcoming Events

- Please join us at Farmer's Market on Thursday, July 15. Parents and families are welcome to join us at 11 AM. Also, please bring some fresh cut flowers to camp that day. Part of our Farmer's Market involves the campers making flower arrangements. They love this activity!
- Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 28.

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

Camper response to Ms. Julie's question, "How do we share if we only have 1 thing?"

You have a play-date!

Camper on the day we had watermelon and popsicles for snack:

This is the best day EVER!

Camper, when asked where he saw the 4th of July fireworks:

In the sky!!!!

Reminders

- 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!
- It has been a very hot summer so far. Although we have a lot of shade, please apply sunscreen on your child every day.
- Please remember to label everything!
- Thanks to those who have brought popsicles for our campers! As a reminder, if you do want to bring popsicles please make sure they are regular popsicles and don't contain dairy.

Next Week

Next week's theme is "Grasshopper and Bear Go to Farmer's Market"

Grasshoppers Daily Events

Design by Breanna

What a great third week of camp! This week our camp friends—bear and grasshopper—met a new friend: duck!

The campers read many books about our new duck friend, including *It's Quacking Time*, *Duck in the Truck*, and *One Duck Stuck*.

We also sang about ducks during our special music time with Ms. Julie. The campers waddled like ducks and also sang some camp favorites about sharing, togetherness, friendship, and, of course, bubbles!

A big thank you to Daniel, Alison, Cooper, Jackson, and Sam for bringing popsicles. Also, thanks to Jack K. for the delicious watermelon. These treats were very refreshing for the campers during such a hot week.

This week we said goodbye to our session 1 interns and thanked them for all their help! Next week we will welcome new interns and get ready for a fun Farmer's Market.

Interest by Devin

What do you get when you add rocks and sticks to the play dough table?

- A. a birthday cake
- B. A hot dog
- C. Mashed potatoes
- D. All of the above

With imaginations like our grasshoppers the possibilities are endless!

Bear and Grasshopper met their new friend Duck this week and that's exactly who we played with in the water table. Mama ducks and baby ducks cruisin' around the blue water.

In the sandbox the campers created rivers and ponds for the ducks to swim in. I sure hope we've made Duck feel welcome here at camp!

Art by Stacy

Duck, duck, quack! This week in art the campers were able to make ducks in three different ways. On Tuesday, the kids dipped their feet in yellow paint and made beautiful duck footprints. On Wednesday, the campers created duck faces with yellow paper plates. Some of the kids turned their ducks into scary aliens with multiple wiggly eyes! Finally on Thursday the entire grasshopper group made a rubber ducky collage.

The campers put yellow and orange tissue paper and feathers to create a life-like duck swimming in gorgeous pond! What a quackin' time we had!



Creating our Rubber Ducky Collage