



Grasshoppers

Letter from the Executive Director:

Dear Grasshopper Families:

In light of the two reported child abduction attempts in Winnetka and Wilmette I wanted to let you know what Summer Stuff is doing to keep our campers safe.

We have staff at every common entrance to each camp site.

We have spoken with school personnel to ensure that the buildings continue to be locked and guests buzzed in.

We will continue to check i.d.'s and refer to Pick Up Permission forms if we do not recognize the adult pick-

ing up.

We have reviewed "safe behaviors" with our staff and what to do if they are approached by a stranger at camp or on their way to/home from camp.

We will not hesitate to report any suspicious activities to police.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a safe and fun last two weeks of camp!

Ellen

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

Overheard at the art table: Camper, while painting the big Farmer's Market carrot:

Painting makes me happy.

This carrot is so big. It's a T-Rex carrot.

Overheard on the playground:

It's almost Farmer's Market. I'm sooooo excited!

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!
- Next week at Grasshoppers we will be having our pirate themed week. This will culminate with a visit from a "real pirate" on Thursday. We can't wait for the fun to start!

Summer Stuff Day Camps

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Upcoming Events

- Thank you for joining us at our very own Farmer's Market! We had such a blast shopping for strawberries, carrots, eggplant, and blueberries.
- Our ice-cream social and sing-a-long are Wednesday, July 28th at 10:30 (AM program) and 2:00 (PM program). More information to come next week!
- Sadly, the last day of camp is Thursday, July 29th.

Next Week

Next week's theme is "Grasshopper and Bear Go to Pirate Island"

Grasshoppers Daily Events

Design by Devin

Watermelon, watermelon,
On the vine
Sweet, red and juicy,
Please be mine!

Just a few of the lines from our finger play this week as we prepared for the annual Grasshopper Farmer's Market.

After reading *The Turnip* by Pierr Morgan we learned that it takes teamwork to pull a giant turnip from the ground (even the help of a little mouse!). In *To Market To Market* by Anne Miranda we learned that having live animals in your house can lead to a big mess, and that the best soup is made with a variety of vegetables!

The week was culminated by the Farmer's Market. Thanks to all the families and friends for coming and sharing in this special event with us. The campers loved the opportunity to put together flower bouquets, as well as pick out their very own fruits and vegetables.

We look forward to a low key week 5 as we prepare for the big Ice Cream Social finale on July 28.!

Interest by Stacy

Food, glorious food! This week at the Play-Doh table the campers made yummy pepperoni and cheese pizzas. They also had fun making farm animal tracks with the cows, pigs and donkey!

At the water table the kids had fun scrubbing and cleaning many different kinds of fruits and vegetables. They enjoyed splashing around in

the multiple colors of water and bubbly soap.

The sandbox was a happening place this week! The little grasshoppers were busy making sandcastles, rivers, and huckleberry pies. They even had a pie sale and sold their huckleberry desserts to the kids peddling on the bikes. The highest bidder paid \$100 in sand!

Art by Breanna

This was a very busy and productive week at the Grasshopper's art table. The campers worked all week to create some tasty-looking produce for Thursday's Farmer's Market. On Monday, the Grasshoppers painted strawberries and carrots. On Tuesday, campers were busy painting our huge watermelon and enormous carrot. It was great to see all the campers working together on this produce. Campers also painted heads of let-

tuce. On Wednesday, the campers painted eggplant—a vegetable that was new to many of them. I don't now if it was the purple color or the fun at camp, but I bet a lot of the campers would even try it now!



Fun at the Play-Doh table