



Summer Stuff

Letter from the Director:

Dear Summer Stuff Families:

As I sit here at the end of week 5, I'm shocked to realize we only have one week left of camp. This is my seventh year with the program, and I'm positive that each summer has flown by faster than the previous one. With one week left in the summer I felt it was a good time for some reflections about the summer.

Traditions have always been a big part of Summer Stuff, and this year was no exception. First, we had a great time with our families at the 4th of July Parade, We also had a great time during our annual Weird Week, which of course was capped off by

Halloween in July. Check the website for some pictures of all the costumes. Another tradition that again was a big hit was our weekly hot dog cookout. Each Thursday it seems we're all looking forward to eating outside. Our final tradition each summer is the Sing-A-Long. This will be on the last day of camp, July 29, at 12:30. I hope everyone can make it!

As this is our last newsletter for the summer, I wanted to say thanks to all the parents and campers for another fantastic summer. I hope to see everyone back next summer!

Kevin

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday is our end of the year sing along. Please join us at 12:30 on the playground and enjoy all the fun and silly songs we have learned this year at camp.

Quotable Quotes

Things overheard at camp:

Campers on playground:

Camper 1: What do you think Summer Stuff's national colors are?

Camper 2: Um...I think they're blue & yellow.

Camper on Crazy Hair Day:

I told my mom it was crazy hair day and she said that my hair is crazy enough.

Camper at lunch:

Instead of going to school this year, I want to go to Summer Stuff.

Summer Stuff PLUS Happenings

This week in PLUS we focused on Pablo Picasso. On Tuesday we worked collaboratively in creating interchangeable face books. On Wednesday we drew portraits that included typical body parts (2 eyes, 2 arms, etc.) only we made their shape anything but typical! Finally, on Thursday, campers again worked

Collaboratively in Picasso's collage type approach as we folded sheets of paper and each camper drew a different part of the body. Look on the back of the portrait piece for more background on Pablo Picasso and his style of art!

In the construction room we focused on our wild and wacky theme. The campers

decided to make wild farms, zoos, and even garbage dumps! The materials had never been so greatly used. We also had our open house. Families had a great opportunity to see the different creations from the campers. In Mad Science this week we learned about chemistry and different chemicals that we might find around us.

Reminders

- Due to a hectic week 6, this is our last newsletter of the summer.
- Look for our camp photo to come home next week.
- Speaking of pictures, check out the community section of our website for pictures from throughout the summer
- Remember, registration for our programs begins December 1. Check the website for updates and information about Summer 2011.

Summer Stuff Daily Events

Design by Sue

This week in Design the campers were busy showing off all their "Camp Crazy" attire. On Monday we all enjoyed wearing our clothes backwards and eating lunch at the backwards time. Halloween on Tuesday was a huge success and the campers had a howling good time trick or treating. The fun continued with Julie in Music on Wednesday. Campers perfected their tangos and learned how to hula. They also enjoyed the fun of having the counselors take over for the teacher for the entire day. The week ended with crazy hair day and the campers lived up to the name! Campers also enjoyed a volcano experiment.

Sports and Games by Joe

We tried to switch up sports for wild and wacky week. On Monday, we played crab walk, bear walk, and backwards walk soccer. On Tuesday, we played four goal soccer and eventually had the beloved "campers vs. counselors" game (The campers won). On Wednesday, counselors Kyle, Kelsey, and T.J led an exciting game of water kickball. On Thursday, we fended off the rain, and relay raced. The campers worked together to beat the clock.

Story Drama by Kirsten and Sue

It was great to see the campers in their Halloween Costumes this week. Each camper got the opportunity to introduce their character to the group and act out what they like to do as that character. The class then joined in. We had flying super heroes, twirling ballerinas, sewing fashion designers and a magical door, just to name a few.

For Counselor-Take-Over day, we read the book Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr. Seuss.

We then made oobleck from special potions: corn starch, water, and green food coloring. On Thursday we read the book Crazy Hair Day by Barney Saltzberg. The story went perfectly with our Crazy Hair Day and campers loved drawing crazy hair on a giant face.

Next Week

Next week's theme is **Sunsational Seasons** and we'll be focusing on the 4 seasons.

Art by Beth

This week during Camp Crazy Week the campers created some wild and wacky art projects! First we made Animal Pattern Designs where the campers were able to choose an animal shape and use oil pastels to draw patterns and designs inside their animal. When they were done with that they used dot bottles to cover the entire picture with watercolor paints to create bright and crazy animals!

The campers also drew Silly Face Flip Books. To begin this project each camper drew three different silly faces of people, animals, or monsters.

Once their three silly faces were finished we added a front and back cover. The campers decorated their covers with a title and picture and were finally able to mix and match their three pictures to make even sillier faces!

During Art on Wednesday, Carly taught Art for Counselor-Take-Over Day. She helped the campers to make Animal Tear Pictures. The campers chose an animal they wanted to assemble and used different colored construction to rip different sized and shaped pieces to make an animal of their choice.