

Camp News

Summer 2010



Welcome to Summer Camp!

We hope that this will help new campers become familiar with our summer program so that they can make the most of it right from the start. We have a great format that the children really enjoy: ongoing celebrations of the summer season combined with bi-weekly themes. These themes are in-depth, rich studies of topics that the kids really love. The summer program basically follows the schedule of the day for the all day, multi-age program. Half of the day is spent outside and half of the day is spent inside. The camp program also offers a somewhat relaxed environment to help our Stepping Stones friends transition to the multi-age environment. Whether you are coming for the whole summer or just a couple of weeks, here are a few things you should know.

Summer Camp Program

Summer Long Fun: These activities relate to the summer time at the beach, in our own backyards and right here at Paragon Village. We explore the PV property, we read at the gazebo and we exercise with the Seniors on Tuesdays. Themes: Patriotism, 19th Century America, Dinosaurs Roar!, CSI: Commonly Seen Insects, and Mexico. We have many specials during the summer program including two special guests from the Morris Museum and one field trip. We have put off our one field trip, as it is an event which requires a parent there for the child to attend. We will be polling parents to see if this can be rescheduled later in the summer. More details to follow.

Camp Routines to Remember: Daily Needs

Each day, your child should arrive with their bathing suit on under their clothes and with sunscreen already applied. Your child will need a tote bag with the following items:

- Δ Indoor and outdoor shoes - *We recommend sneakers or sandals which are easy to slip on and off. NO flip flops or "crocs" are allowed at Deer Path as they have been the cause of many injuries.*
- Δ a bath-sized towel—beach towels are too large for the younger children to manage independently, and
- Δ a complete change of clothing.

Please send sunscreen in on your child's first camp day. Any remainder will be returned to you on your child's last day. Each day, please apply sunscreen before your child comes to camp and we will re-apply as necessary throughout the day. Be sure to let the staff know if your child arrives without sunscreen, and we'll make sure to take care of it.

Snacks will be provided by the school. Campers will be making a special theme-related snack each week as well. Children staying the full day should bring lunch from home. Please note, there are no hot lunches during summer camp. All full day campers need to bring in healthy lunches which they can eat independently, including utensils and 2 cloth napkins. Campers receive special camp drink cups, so please keep your cups for home use.

We will use the drive-up process only at 9 am arrivals (8:55 to 9:05). Parents should plan to come in to sign your child out each day. A staff member will bring your child to meet you at the sign out table next to the piano. If you arrive late, an office staff member will walk your child to the camp room while you sign in at the piano.

Summer Camp will take place in room 104 with extended hours in the rear hall area. The nap room will be room 105.

Please don't hesitate to call with any questions or concerns about camp or your child's transitional needs. My direct line is 908.498.0503. Thank You. We're looking forward to spending the summer together.

Mrs. Vlossak