



Summer 2017 sure was fun! Thank you to all the families who shared their children with us this summer.

We hope you enjoy reading about our programs. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour of the school in August.

Week 1 - Under the Sea



Hello Sunrise summer families! This past week we learned about the ocean. Here are some of the activities we enjoyed!

- Decorated our beach bags – to bring to the beach throughout the summer weeks
- Made an octopus
- Painted our own fish with water colors
- Decorated our own treasure chest – to collect special beach items throughout the summer
- Enjoyed exploring the sand table in the classroom filled with sand, sea glass, sea shells, and of course mini buckets and shovels for digging
- Enjoyed several books during circle/group time on ocean life and marine mammals
- Enjoyed creating various ocean scenes using felt boards, magnetic boards, and puzzles

Our highlight of the week was story teller Diane Edgecomb. She did an amazing job performing fun, interactive ocean stories with the children. Each child had the opportunity to wear a prop(s) and join in Diane's ocean tales!



Week 2 - Transportation



It is so hard to believe that we are now in our second week of the summer program.

We are having a lot of fun with it. Here is a summary of Transportation Week.

As you can see, the children did many enjoyable activities such as:


- Art projects of decorating sailboats, wooden transportation items, door hangers and picture frames.
- Music – they sang the “Wheels on the Bus”, “I have Been Working on the Railroad” and they were joined by their Music teacher, Ms. Mary Jo, with even more transportation songs.
- They painted their own classroom train and airplane. Then they played going to Boston to get on a plane at Logan.
- In the classroom, the children were able to play Transportation Bingo and a Thomas the Train Matching Game. Throughout the environment they had puzzles, flannel boards, magnetic boards and more to choose from.
- Our visitor for this week was from the MBTA and he presented the children with Train Safety.
- We read many transportation books – “We All Go Traveling By” (CD), “The Little Engine that Could”, “Old Mac Donald had a Truck” (CD), “Cars, Cars, Cars” and more.
- Our outside playground not only included our sand toys, but a new overhead cedar cover.
- In addition, we added ribbons for “ribbon weaving” on the fence and new pots and pans for play outdoor cooking. The children loved it all!



Looking forward to next week when we travel to Outer Space!

Week 3 - Outer Space

It has been a great week exploring outer space with this week's group of children. Here is a summary of the highlights we enjoyed!

- We learned that the Solar system is made up of the Sun, the 8 planets - Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune and their moons.
- We learned that scientists are discovering more about the 5 dwarf planets – Ceres, Pluto, Haumea, Makemake, and Eris. Also, to be considered a dwarf planet, it has many objects within its orbit such as large, icy bodies.
- Constructed many art projects such as; the night sky with a moon and stars, a rocket ship magnet, painted our own paper plate planets and an astronaut. 
- Had fun using the outer space felt boards, matching space vehicles with pictures, and magnetic boards for putting the solar system together with all the planets, sun, and moon.
- On Thursday, we enjoyed singing with Ms. Mary Jo while using shakers and bells and learning a new Planet Song!
- The sensory table was turned into an “Outer Space” table – filled with black beans representing the dark space, shimmery pom-poms for objects floating in space, foil balls for comets or asteroids, the sun, the planets, stars, and of course rocket ships for flying in and out of space.

Week 4 - On the Farm

Our last week of the summer program started off with Sparky the Puppet Show. The children had the giggles all through the show. The puppets of a grandmother, a rabbit, a cat, and more were adorable.

The entire week was a lot of fun. Highlights of the week included:

- Art projects – making a paper plate duck, lunch bag lamb or cow, cute pink little pig, decorated clay pots, and baby chicks hatching.
- Music – Inch by Inch, Farmer in the Dell, 5 Little ducks, and many more.
- Stories – The Big Red Barn, Giggle, Giggle Quack, Grow with Me - My Sunflower, and The Cow that laid an egg.
- In the classroom, the children were able to play Flower Bingo. Throughout the environment they had farm and flower puzzles, flannel board, magnetic boards and more to choose from.
- The children planted Arugula and Sunflower seeds in the outside playground to take home.
- Throughout the week, they enjoyed their own Farmer's Market Stand using plastic fruits and vegetables and the exchange of play money.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and enjoy the rest of the summer.

See you in the fall!

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