



Summer Program Week One

Rainforest Highlights



This week we learned about the layers of the rainforest: **Emergent, Canopy, Under story**, and the **Forest Layer** (includes the river).

Emergent Layer – the very top layer of the rainforest and it is often very windy. The howler monkeys are often observed swinging from these trees.

Canopy Layer – this part is below the emergent layer and it is very dense with lush green trees (often about 90 ft above ground). Approximately 90% of the rainforest animals live in this layer including; monkeys, birds, frogs, reptiles, and insects.

Under story Layer – this layer is relatively dark and snakes such as boa constrictors and pythons are observed here.

Forest Floor – very little sunlight reaches this area. On the floor is a thin layer of fallen leaves, seeds, fruits, and branches that decomposes.

We learned that the rainforests are located in South America (Amazon River), Africa (Congo River), Australia, Southeast Asia, and smaller forests in Central America.



Story Teller Diane Edgecomb



Diane is an award-winning performer and recording-artist from Boston, MA. She shared her talent with our program this week, telling tales from the Rainforest. Her interactive style keeps the children engaged throughout the entire story!