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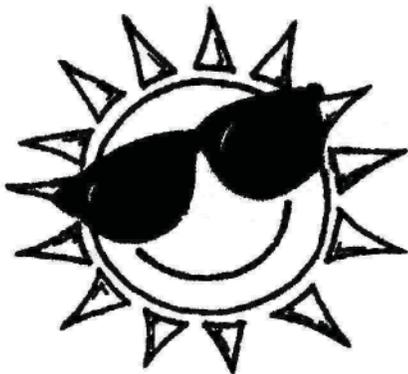


Three Cheers for Summer!

By: Laura Miller, Summer Camp Coordinator

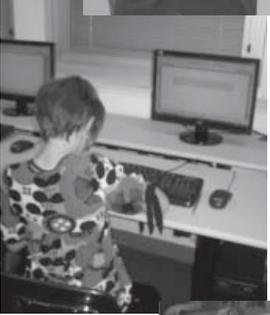
St. Joseph Montessori School Summer Learning Camp is once again coming to the end of a season. Camp '09 began on June 15th and will over on August 7th, and what a summer it has been. From Puppies & Poetry to Habitats around the Globe, the theme for the Children's House and Lower Elementary campers proved once again to include many wonderful and exciting adventures. The Upper Elementary campers once again enjoyed Paint Club, Game Week, Rock Climbing, and much more. We were proud to have a second year of partnership with Battelle of Columbus, who provided an awesome week of integrated earth awareness and robotics.

As Director of the summer camp since 1999, this year, as in the past, was very enjoyable and busy. I enjoyed working with the staff and campers, learning alongside participants, and having a great summer experience. My staff of twenty very enthusiastic and competent people spent their days planning, implementing, and extending the skills and experience for each of the campers. Thank you to all of my staff who participated this summer. Your professionalism and excitement was evident each day. Even though the school was going through a transition with construction renovations and other changes, summer was a constant for the students and families. I have enjoyed being part of this community and providing what I believe is a wonderful summer experience for all ages and I wish you farewell and good luck. Continue learning and searching for information and as Jo-Jo Sun always said, "Learning is Fun!" It is up to you.



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Children's House



Photo: L. Miller

Children's House goes green with a gardening class.

Jammin' With Sandra

By: Joshua Moyler

Jammin' with Sandra was a note playing, bubble blowing, and music playing time. Each Thursday this summer, Sandra gave a musical show that pleased the crowd of parents and children 2 to 4 years old. From the moment the kids walked in the new library, they had big goofy smiles on their faces - ready to have fun.

"Seeing a former student who is now a dad singing and playing with



Photo: J. Moyler

Erin and Liam Farley enjoyed the singing and dancing.

his children is a wonderful thing," said Sandra.

Children enjoyed singing, dancing, and quality time with their families.

We Love Our Pets

By: Olivia Moyler

During week 7 in the Children's House level, the students learned how to take care of their pets. Sarah, the instructor, said, "we're excited to share all we know about pets."

The class learned how a veterinarian helps animals, made puppets, and saw how a veterinarian hospital works. We love our pets, and learned about taking care of them.



Photo: S. Harris

Sarah leads a discussion on pets and their care.

Other classes featured in the Children's House program include:

Rainforests
Land, Air, and Water
The Farm

Lower Elementary



Photo: S. Harria

Michael discussed the habitats of the world with his lower elementary class.

Puppies & Poetry

By: John Markiewicz

There once was a class
about puppies.
They wrote poems,
but not about guppies.

The children in week 2 learned about different types of dogs, and had to identify dogs at Goodale Park. Other activities included writing poetry on dogs and doing dog puzzles. "Puppies and poetry was a fun time for all the lower elementary students to learn about dogs," Terry Geiger said.

While primary wrote poems about puppies, you can write a haiku of horses or a limericks on lizards!

Cooking and Food

By: Roxanne Holonitch

You don't need to watch Top Chef to see great cooking; just stop in the lower elementary classroom at our summer camp. Michelle Getz, our Primary 2 teacher, introduced cooking and food to her students.

Experimenting with ingredients, measuring, and great taste tests were on the menu of activities.

This class offered great life-long lessons for that class.

Habitats

By: Olivia Moyler

In the Lower Elementary class in Week 7, Mike Graham taught the class about habitats. "Children will learn about habitat and fun animals," said Mike. The students learned about the different types of habitats. To do this, the class visited the library for research and the High Banks Metro Park to see animals in their natural habitat. This class was a great experience for our students.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Alex Reifeis, a classroom assistant, discusses the plans for the day with a parent.

Other classes featured in the Lower Elementary program include:

Inventions
Nature and Earth
Science in a Box

Upper Elementary

Clay Building

By: Sam Harris

What do you get when mix clay, a wheel, carving tools, and a group of excited students? Clay Week!

In the afternoons during week 7, Todd Hickerson took 8 upper elementary students to Clayspace, a clay building shop in south Columbus. On Monday, the class made clay mazes. Then on Tuesday, the students made coil pots. They kicked off Wednesday with personalized mugs and pillow pots. On Thursday and Friday, the class made pots, cups and bowls on spinning wheels.

This was a great opportunity to experiment with a cool material.



Photo: C. Mosure

Ethan Mosure takes a turn on the wheel.



Photo: C. Mosure

Todd helps John Markiewicz form his clay on the wheel.



Photo: L. Miller

Ben Ingraham-Dwyer, Sam Harris, and Michael Guilliani concentrate on game strategy at Game Club week.

Rock Climbing

By: Sam Harris

There is no wall too big for our team of rock climbing pros at SJMS. Each morning during week 5 of summer camp, the rock climbing class went to Lifetime Fitness at Easton. The instructors from Lifetime – Chris and Mike - worked on basic rock climbing skills. The student used harnesses to climb the walls. Gui, our class instructor even climbed the walls. “Rock climbing was hard but it was cool,” said Olivia Moyler. We conquered the walls at Lifetime - next Mt. Everest.

Aikido Week

By: Connor Johnson

Do you know what a Dojo is? If you took Aikido class at summer camp, you would know. In week 4, Bill Reed introduced Aikido to his students. Aikido is a martial art. It is combat and protection. Students learned basic moves, throws, locks and controls. They also learned to fall without getting hurt. On Friday, Bill took his class to the Hilliard Martial Arts Center for training, also known as his Dojo. “It helps you defend yourself without hurting someone,” said Ben Ingraham-Dwyer.

Now that you know what a Dojo is, you can try Aikido for yourself!

Upper Elementary



Photo: R. Holonitch

Katie Reed paints a wooden frame, which will be a gift to her family.

Paint Club

By: Delaney Morphew

Hold your brushes! The Paint Club week created some awesome pieces of art for all to enjoy. The class led by Roxanne Holonitch in the art room, students painted canvases, frames, puzzles, and door hangers.

“We took our painting skills to a new level,” said Roxanne. Don’t worry, if you missed out this summer, you can join us next summer!

Great American Artists

By: Ben Dwyer-Ingraham

One reason our country is so great is because it is filled with “Great American Artists!” In week 6, our class met in the morning to discover artists and their style. They included: Grant Wood, Louis Comfort, Tiffany, Gutzon Borglum, Mary Cassatt, Norman Rockwell, and Keith Haring. Students painted, made sculptures, stained glass windows, used oil pastels, and even designed a magazine cover. Olivia Moylor said, “Great American Artist Week was a great experience with Roxanne.” After completing this class, we now have even more “Great American Artists”!



Photo: R. Holonitch

Joshua Moyler (above) and Olivia Moyler (below) put the final touches on their tributes to Keith Haring painting.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Summer Puzzler

By: Delaney Morphew

- Clay
- Cooking
- Frisbee
- GameClub
- Habitats
- Inventions
- Julyfourth
- Pets

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Upper Elementary

Newspaper & Book Publishing

By: Delaney Morphew

Stop the press! The Montessorian week has created another great summer edition. In the new Erdkinder room, our class of top reporters met to write articles and take photographs to create a special summer edition of the Montessorian.

“This class is a great opportunity for students to learn about how a newspaper is made, as well as create a book of their own,” said Roxanne Holonitch. When the paper was ready to go to the press the students focused their energy on publishing a book of their own. We ended this week with a walking field trip to rDesign, the shop which prints our papers. We hope you enjoy the newspaper.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Delaney Morphew, Rowan Swartz, and Olivia Moyler use the computers to type their articles for the summer newspaper.



Photo: R. Holonitch

Julliette Stripling uses the cutting board to trim her paper in Scrap Rap.

Scrap Rap Week

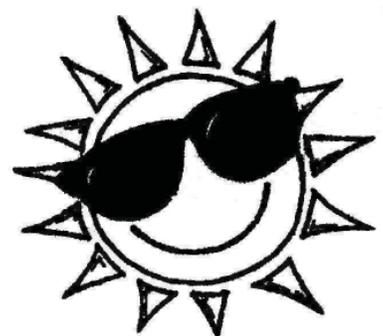
By: Rowan Swartz

Snip-Clip-Pop! These are the sounds you would have heard in the art room during Scrap Rap Week. During week 1, in the mornings, Scrap Rap class met to create scrapbooks. The 8 upper level students also learned new skills like scanning and printing pictures. In the middle of the week, the class took a field trip to Joann Fabric in Dublin to buy cool stuff for our scrapbooks. John Markiewicz said, “Scrapbooking week involved a flood of inspiration, and it was worth it.” The class may be done, but our memories are saved in our scrapbooks.

Sports Medley

By: Connor Johnson

Biking, and bowling, and skates - oh my! Led by Shawnda Sanford, the sports medley students tried out a variety of sports activities. On Monday, the group played basketball. On Tuesday, the class visited Alum Creek for swimming and volleyball. Then on Wednesday, the class went bowling at Sawmill Lanes. Rowan Swartz said, “My top score was 111 in bowling!” Roller-skating at Skate Zone 71 was the activity for Thursday. To end the week, the group went biking at Antrim Park. The week was really fun.



Other classes featured in the Upper Elementary program include:

Frisbee
Civics Exploration
Cooking
Discover Columbus
Lego Robotics with Battelle
Math Counts

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*See you
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