



June Summer Camp 2019 Newsletter "Passport to Learning"

From the Camp Director

Dear Parents:

Wow! What an awesome first week of Summer Camp's "Passport to Learning". The counselors worked hard to prepare the classrooms to accommodate for the art activities, themed projects, games, and dressing in and out of swimming attire.

Already, children have been enchanted with riding a 98 year old carousel, trusting their ability to swim underwater, picking edible greens to eat from the garden, and sculpting clay reliefs representing their houses and the diverse architectural

Mark your calendars:

June 14

Father's Day Celebration

3:30-5:30

June 26

Family Picnic

July 4

SCHOOL CLOSED

July 19

Parent Breakfast

July 24

styles of houses in St. Louis. How fitting that while observing “Home Town Week”, our St. Louis Blue are playing in the Stanley Cup Finals. LGB!

Fortunately, the rain has held off allowing the children to experience their swimming sessions. The lifeguards are already assessing swimming abilities and building trust with each swimmer. My thanks to the parents of rooms 1, 6, and 7 for bringing their children to school dressed in their swimming attire, and especially to the room 1 parents for bringing your children to school before the 8:30 swim session.

Parents are welcome to join us on the field trips. I provide snacks and water for the children, so there is no need to bring a “special” snack for your child. For the three-year-old classes scheduled to go to the Faust Park Carousel, I could use a couple of extra parents to assist in standing next to two children while bobbing up and down on the ponies on the carousel.

Next Friday, June 14th, from 3:30 to 5:30, dads please join your child/children for a “Sundaes” on Friday gathering in the multipurpose room to indulge in a waffle bowl filled with vanilla ice cream, fruit toppings, whipped cream, and sprinkles. There will be some special critters for you and your child to touch or hold during the event if you so dare.

Monday began the first day of summer camp with a lively gathering of children singing during song circle. I hope the songs and memorable activities the children experience will be shared in your homes.

Mark

Parent Swim Observation

August 9

Last Day of Summer Camp

“Sundaes” on Friday

June 14, 2019, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

In Honor of our Hope Dads!

**Come celebrate Father’s Day with your
child at the Hope Sundae Bar...**

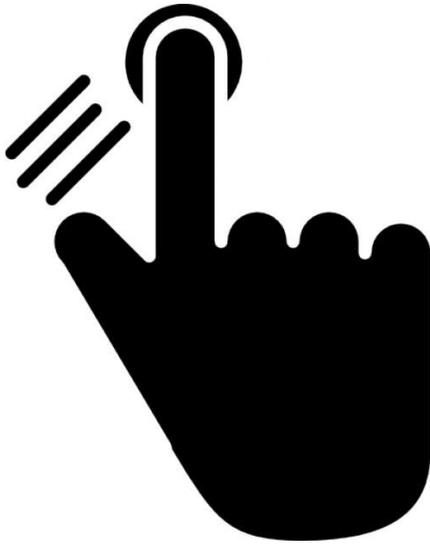
**waffle bowls, vanilla ice cream, fruit
toppings, whipped cream, and
sprinkles!!**



Family Picnic June 26, 3:30-6:00

I hope your family can join us for one of our favorite events - the annual Family Picnic, June 26.

It is a wonderful time to swim with your child, enjoy some authentic Mexican cuisine, and have fun with family and friends. It will be a lovely evening.



Attendance Tracker

It has been brought to my attention that many of our parents are not consistently using the scanner to sign their child in and out daily, and in some cases, not at all. It is very important for our records and for the safety of your child that you are using the attendance tracker every day. Please be conscientious in making sure you walk your child to their classroom. If the class is outdoors, please make contact with a staff member so they are aware your child has joined them.



Parent Breakfast, July 19, 7:30a.m.-8:30 am Emily Peters, our Garden Specialist will present " **Gardening with your Child**".

Please join us for a delicious breakfast using some of our home-grown vegetables and herbs from the Hope garden. Emily will share her knowledge of organic gardening and demonstrate the many things the children will be experiencing

and learning this summer. Please dress comfortably, we might spend a few minutes outdoors.

Notes From The Library

The library is under full swing with the fragrance of sunscreen and the magic of books in the air!

The program for library during the summer permits me to read in the classrooms or in the library for every age group. The selection of children's literature is so bountiful, and we have an amazing collection of 4,700 books! The children are very engaged in listening, they are taught book etiquette, and they enjoy the range of characters, my silly 'voices' and illustrations.

We have the bookmobile from the St Louis County Library (SLCL) coming every Friday morning. Campers will pick out books (which stay in the classroom) and are exchanged the following week. This is a wonderful experience and encourages the love of literature. The children are always so excited to board the the bookmobile, which parks adjacent to our school. The SLCL staff are very kind-hearted and this special time adds a great dimension to the summer.

Thank you for the opportunity to read with your child.

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Children's Librarian

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