



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2017

Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

Dear Families,

We are enjoying another wonderful week full of games, fun, laughs, and excitement here at STAR Camp! Please take a few minutes to read through the reminders. Drop off and pick up times are extremely important. Please try to stay on our schedule.

Just a few reminders:

- Early drop off is at 8:00am
- Regular drop off is at 9:00am
- Regular pick up is at 4:00pm
- Late pick up is at 5:00pm
- There will be no pickup at the lake
- Call 781-793-9999 when reporting an absence or change in person picking up
- Field Trips: Camp shirts, bagged lunches, shoes and socks
- Cookouts are every week. If your child does not want a hotdog, hamburger or veggie burger they are welcome to bring their lunch from home.
- Snacks are provided in the morning and afternoon.
- Make sure all their personal possessions are labeled with their names on them.
- Check the "Lost and Found" bin on the stage

Warmest Regard,

Erin McCabe
Camp Director

Week 4 of Camp – Theme of the Week – Backyard Bash

Monday, July 17 – Tug-O-War – Lake Day

Tuesday, July 18 – Kickball 4 the Kids – Lake Day

Wednesday, July 19 – In House Program: Pre K-1 – The Stand Up Chameleon

Wednesday, July 19 – Field Trip: Grades 2-8 – Pawtucket Red Sox Game

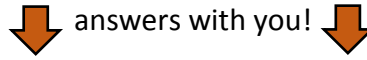
Thursday, July 20 – Toss Four – Cook Out

Friday, July 21 – Flying Ring Golf – Lake Day

PRE-K GUPPIES

Welcome to Week 3!

Camp is *flying* by! We cannot believe we are halfway through already. This week was wildly adventurous. Regardless of the hour and a half long bus ride to Springfield, MA, the Dr. Seuss museum was **loads** of fun. At the "Oh, The Places You'll Go" table, the Guppies wrote down on small pieces of paper what they want to be when they grow up. I thought I would share their



Argus	Jacob	Roshini	Amelia	Bennet	Anika	Adi	Raesha	Dennis	William
Pilot	Artist & Scientist	Artist, Author, Scientist	Veterinarian	Doctor & "Everything!"	Swim Teacher	Video game creator	Doctor (for kids)	Monster Truck Driver	Doctor (for kids)

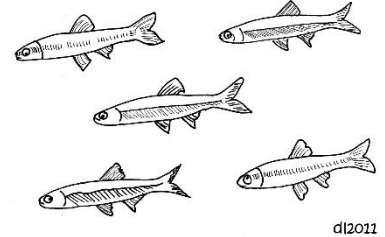


We then made a brief visit to the neighboring science museum where we watched a short film about dinosaurs, saw many ancient artifacts, and huddled up together in a realistic tipi.



Catch up with you next week!

Kindergarten Minnows



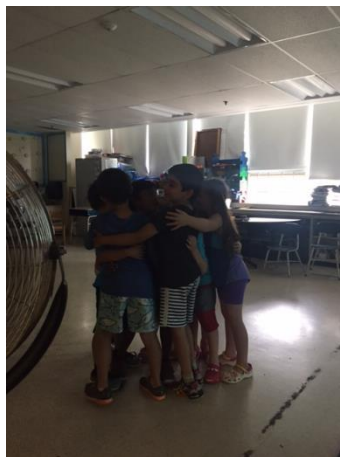
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The Minnows third week of STAR camp was filled with more activities and another fun filled field trip! Throughout the week we had different “camp crazy” activities: creating a group art picture by throwing ink balloons at paper, a messy pudding toss, using our senses to identify different spices, objects and taste our art work we made out of edible finger painting and crazy hair day to end our wild week! Tuesday Pre K through grade 2 ventured to Springfield MA to visit the Dr. Seuss Museum. We spent time walking through the world of Dr. Seuss and learning more about his life and his books and playing with all the toys they had available! While visiting the Dr. Seuss Museum we were able to explore the Springfield Science Museum right next door which the kids loved! They were able to see many different animals and ways of life. Throughout the week the Minnows were also able to attend their usual daily specials and learn more games, songs, dances and crafts in art, music, drama, sports/gym and dance. Although we have had a great first three weeks we have so much more to look forward to the remaining three weeks!!

Miss Kim ☺

A Look into Week 4 → Backyard Bash

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tug of War	Kickball 4 the Kids	In House Field Trip Stand-Up Chameleon	Toss Four Cookout & Ice Cream Social	Flying Ring Golf
Lake Day	Lake Day			Lake Day

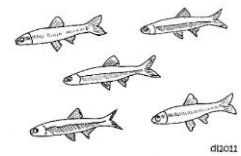


Favorite Ice Cream

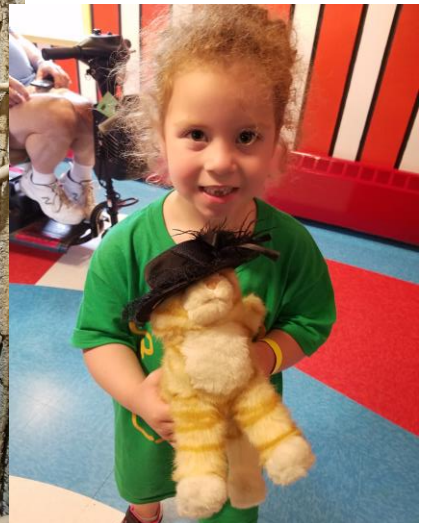
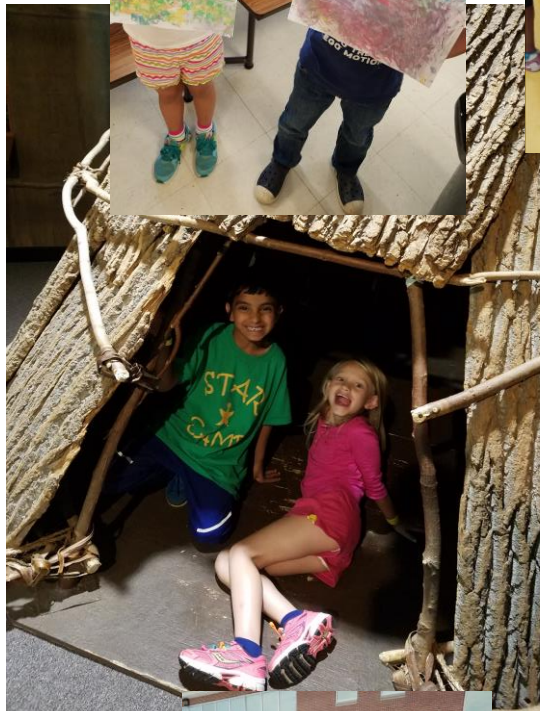
Favorite Song

Aaron	Cotton Candy	Ride by 21 Pilots
Ayden	Cotton Candy	Roar by Katy Perry
Bella	Chocolate	Shake It Off by Taylor Swift
Edith	Vanilla	The Chicken Dance
Kingsley	Cotton Candy	You're Welcome from Moana
Lara	Vanilla	Superstar
Melanie	Cookie Dough	Voyager Song from Moana
Morgan	Cookie Dough	Party In The USA by Miley Cyrus
Praneeth	Vanilla	Star Wars theme song
Rishi	Cookie Dough	Champagne Supernova by Oasis
Zachary	Chocolate	You're Welcome from Moana

Kindergarten Bettas



It is hard to believe that we are already over halfway done with STAR Camp! Time really does fly when you are having fun. Here are some snapshots of our busy week! On Monday, we enjoyed a beautiful lake day in preparation for our trip to the Dr. Seuss museum on Tuesday. Wednesday was "Wacky Wednesday" where one of our stations involved flinging pudding at the counselors to fill the bowl in their mouth (bottom middle) ... needless to say I was sticky for the remainder of the day! Thursday we finger-painted with edible paint, another fun messy craft! Friday we will wrap up our week with another lake day (weather permitting) and officially be halfway through camp! We wish everyone a happy weekend and we will return Monday for another week of fun!



Grade 1 Dolphins



Students are having a blast in camp! Some of the favorites from last week were the water games, which included: the shaving cream game, the sponge toss contest, and water jug game. For the shaving cream game, students sprayed shaving cream on a teammate and needed to spray off the shaving cream. The team who got the most shaving cream off their campmate first won! For the Sponge Toss, students were given a sponge that they had to dunk in water and pass to all their campmates. The last camper in line had to squeeze the sponge into a bucket. The team who filled their bucket first won. For the Water Jug game, students were given a water jug that they needed to hold above their head. Another campmate needed to fill a cup of water and run over to the person with the water jug. Once they got to the person with the water jug, they dumped their water in. The team that filled their water jug first, won! Pictured below, see all of the students' fun from the week!

-Kari Kaye and Kaitlyn Reardon



See more pictures of the Dolphins on Page 20.

Grade 2 Marlins



What was your favorite part of our field trip to the Springfield Museums?

Keren - the dinosaur exhibit

Mira- the gold and diamond exhibit

Rena - making hats at the Dr. Suess Museum

Grace - T-Rex Dinosaur

Sophia - T-Rex Dinosaur

Abby - interactive art

Juliana - interactive weaving

Neil - picture frames

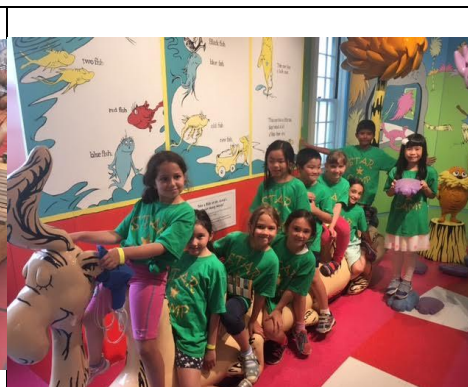
Alex - T-Rex Dinosaur

Esme - Dr. Suess Museum, All good!

Jason - Dinosaur Exhibit



Playing an instrument in Music class



Our visit to Dr. Seuss Museum



Horton Hears a Who...

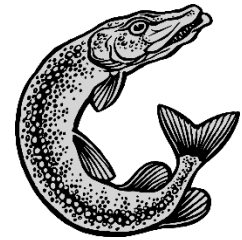
Grade 3 Stingrays



Week 3 kept us busy! We started the week with Messy Monday. We created a messy masterpiece by spraying a canvas with water guns filled with paint. On Tuesday, we traveled to Springfield, MA and visited the Dr. Seuss Museum as well as the Museum of Natural History. The girls enjoyed the Fairy Tale room where they did hands-on activities and created their own stories. The boys loved looking at the animals and old weapons. On Wednesday, we did a pudding toss where the Stingrays got to fling pudding at their counselor, Abby! On Thursday, we worked with sensational senses. On Friday, we had crazy hair day!

The Stingray's are looking forward to going to a Pawtucket Paw Sox game next week!

Grade 4 Barracudas



Week 3 of Star Camp! It's hard to believe we are at the half way point! Our group was smaller this week since some of our friends are at Create Camp. We miss them and we hope to see their performance at the end of next week.

The masterpieces created on Messy Monday are posted around the cafeteria. Our group used long squirters with paint and paint filled balloons. The results are wonderful, competing with the work of the masters of modern art. The lake on Monday afternoon was beautiful and refreshing.

Tuesday's field trip to Boda Borg was a fun challenge for everyone. Many Barracudas diligently worked many rooms repeatedly to try to "pass" the challenge. Hope they tell you about their adventures! Check out the pictures here showing their teamwork and then their fatigue on the ride home!

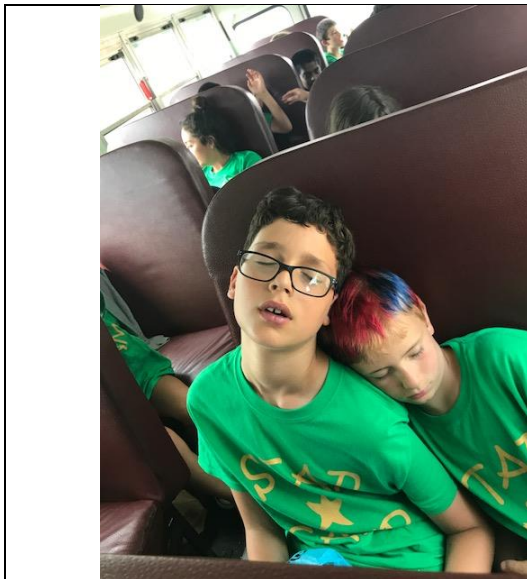
On Wednesday, the campers participated in the pudding toss competition. Our counselor, Will, was a good sport and ended up covered in chocolate pudding, since most of it landed on him instead of in the cup he had in his mouth. We managed to get to the lake in the afternoon, only to return a short while later due to the coming of the rains. The Barracudas relaxed at school watching a fun kids' super hero movie called Sky High.

Thursday is a touch, feel and tasting sensation day as well as enjoying our cookout lunch.

Next week we get to see the Paw Sox play on Wednesday and the weather should be more in our favor for lake days, which will be Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Hope everyone has a good weekend!

Betsy and Will



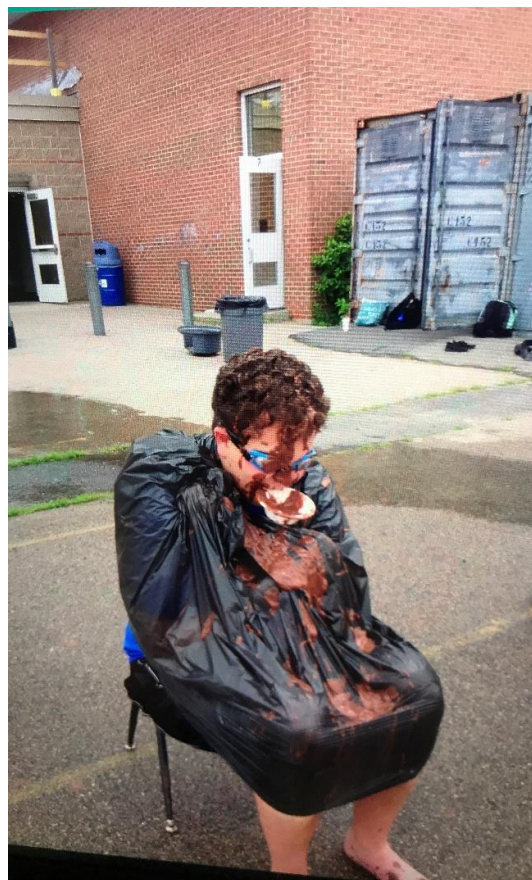
Grade 5

Hammerheads



This week was very exciting for the Hammerheads! We had Messy Monday and created murals using watercolors that were inside of water guns and water balloons. Our field trip was super exciting! Boda Borg challenged each of the campers in different ways but there was fun to be had by all. We split the group into three smaller groups and two were able to complete some challenges in the quests earning them stamps on their cards. We celebrated Wacky Wednesday and all the campers participated in a pudding toss, which covered counselor from head to toe. that we are half way can't wait to see weeks have in store

-Roberta & Alex



Alex in pudding
We are so amazed through camp. We what the last three for these campers.

Grade 6 Mackerels



Week 3 kicked off with “Messy Monday”! During our sports specialty, the Mackerels combined with the Star Assistants to create a “messy” work of art. One by one, they threw water balloons filled with different watercolor paints at a giant sheet of paper. They then each took turns using a water gun filled with different paints to create another “messy” canvas. This work of art is displayed in the cafeteria.

On Tuesday, our group attended Boda Borg in Malden, which challenged the Mackerels physically and mentally. At Boda Borg, the group combined with the Star Assistants, once again, and were split into two teams. As they entered different rooms, each group tried to figure out how to solve each room in order to move on to the next (without any direction on how to complete the challenge)! During the field trip, the Mackerels were extremely engaged and they all said they enjoyed it!

On “Wacky Wednesday” they started the day with a pudding toss. During the pudding toss, a Star Assistant held a cup in his mouth while the Mackerels scooped pudding on a spoon and flung the pudding with the aim of getting as much in the cup as possible. The Mackerels had a lot of fun with it and ended up filling the cup with more pudding than the group they were competing against!

Thank you all for another great week!!

-Kay and Julianne :)



Star Assistants

Manatees



Hello!, This week was filled with activities as well as our field trip to the Boda Borg. On Monday, the Manatees participated in watercolor water balloon throwing. Each camper had the opportunity to throw a water balloon filled with watercolor paint at a large piece of white paper. They created a masterpiece!

On Tuesday, we ventured to Malden to be escape artists at the Boda Borg. Each room had a different challenge and the campers had to work together to figure out ways to get out of the room and move into the next. If they did not succeed in one room, they had to start all over again. This took a lot of patience, teamwork, and dedication. They all enjoyed the challenge! Wednesday was Wacky Wednesday! Some of the Manatees were kind enough to participate in the pudding toss. All the campers used a spoon to toss pudding into a bowl that was in the Manatees' mouths. The pictures say it all!

Also, Happy Birthday to Kaelyn who turned 15 this Wednesday!!
Have a great weekend, Emily :)



Welcome to ART with Mallory!



We had another amazing week in the art room! Many groups finished ongoing projects and started something new this week. The younger groups worked on projects geared towards developing our fine motor skills. The Betas and the Minnows were very busy casting spells with those magic wands. Look out! We are continuing to experiment with clay and other types of sculpture. Next, we are moving on to Printmaking and all of the different ways you can create art through unconventional materials. Have a great weekend!

Mallory

This week we made:

Guppies- Twisty Sculptures

Minnows and Betas- Magic Wands

Marlins- Shaving Cream Prints

Stingrays- Clay Crabs

Barracudas- Clay Looms

Hammerheads- Soap Resist Art

Mackerels- Origami Radial Sculpture

Manatees- Snapchat Selfie



Music with Emily

This week in Music, everyone got to learn about new kinds of music. The Hammerheads, Mackerels and Manatees used Garage Band to start composing their own songs in a variety of styles, from Bluegrass to Hip-Hop. We learned about the families of instruments in the orchestra and watched videos introducing us to the strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments with the Guppies, Minnows, Bettas and Dolphins.

Meanwhile, the Stingrays, Marlins and Barracudas spend some time learning about the different beats on the conga drum, and performed along with other percussion instruments such as the guiro, cowbell and maracas, even getting a chance to improvise.

Coming up next week, we will be finishing our Garage Band compositions, adding in more instruments and maybe even some vocals, adding some pitched percussion to our ensembles and hearing music from long ago.

PERCUSSION family





Computers with Mrs. Shulman

This week we were "Camp Crazy" and the campers were crazy in computers as well. During Messy Monday, the older campers tried to find objects in a messy room in the game: http://www.y8.com/games/messy_room. The younger campers used KidPix to create their own messy rooms. On Wacky Wednesday, the younger campers created pictures [http://www.abcya.com/pixel art.htm](http://www.abcya.com/pixel_art.htm). On Thursday we celebrated the five Senses and played games found at <http://www.abcya.com> with the younger campers played the five senses game and the older campers played the Snoring Game. On Friday, was Crazy Hair Day and the campers got to play a game or draw a picture with crazy hair. As always, we start each class with a movement break and this week was to "I Get Loose" found at GoNoodle (www.gonoodle.com). I had such a good time at camp this week and the pictures the campers created using Pixel Art were great. Take a look at these:



Rainbow Picture drawn by Keren of the Marlins



Animal Picture drawn by Abby of the Marlins



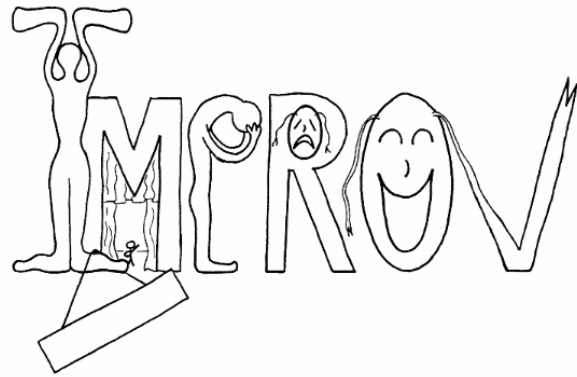
A Star Camper drawn by Mrs. Shulman

DRAMA with MRS. GROSSMANN

This week in Drama, we've added the elements of creativity and Improvisation to our repertoire. The younger groups have been experimenting with "quick thinking" by pantomiming an animal, if they're left holding the Wonder Ball.

In the Bettas, Brian pantomimed being a frog, and Albert became a Siberian Tiger! Hannah acted out a garter snake.

The younger groups have also been enjoying a game from last year, Alien, Tiger, Cow! This game teaches team work and cooperation, as well as pantomime.



Our older groups have kicked up the improv game with the activity, Two-Headed Monster. Two campers trade off single words to create a story about an object or place. We've also brought back the popular "Why Are You Late?" game from last summer; a fun activity that combines team work, improv and pantomime.

We are also starting to get into characterization, with games that help with practice in staying in character, no matter what the circumstances!

Till next time.....

Mrs. (Lisa) Grossmann

Dance with Hannah

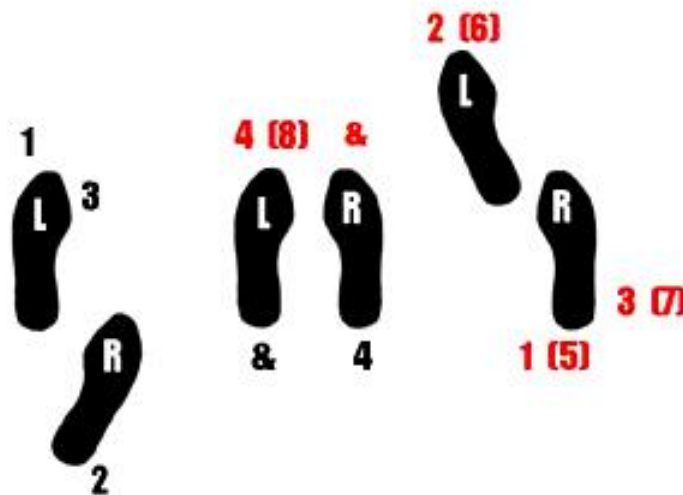
This week in Dance, we had a blast playing many different games and some groups even learned a dance! We played a game called "Connect" so with a hula-hoop we worked as a team to get everyone through the hula-hoop and pass it onto the next person. We also danced to the Macarena, Cha Cha Slide, the Chicken Dance, Cupid Shuffle and the "Nay Nay" as well!

With the Minnows we had such much fun dancing and singing along to GoNoodle!! The kids love doing the Roller Coaster, Zap, Milkshake, the Cat Party, and following along to the crazy koo koo the kangaroo!!

The Dolphins learned a fun dance to the song "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus and the Marlins are preparing to perform their dance to "Try Everything" for the talent show during the last week of camp!!

Next week, more groups are going to start learning a dance and preparing to perform it in front of the camp! See everyone then :)

Cha-Cha Basic



Outdoor Sports with Zach, Shannon & Samantha

This week in sports was pretty silly! We started the week off with messy Monday. The kids used squirt guns and water balloons to paint giant sheets of white paper that were then hung up in the cafeteria after they dried. Tuesday the camp went on 2 very fun field trips. The younger kids went to the Dr. Seuss Museum, while the older kids visited Boda Borg. We continued to do more silly activities with wacky Wednesday. Some of the counselors and Star Assistants who were brave enough sat with bowls in their mouths while their campers tried to throw as much chocolate pudding as they could into the bowl. We will finish the week off with more fun activities! Luckily we get to go on the field trips with different groups. Here are some pictures from Shannon's trip to the Springfield Museums.



We look forward to seeing what the campers can show us next week.

- Shannon, Sam, and Zach

Gym with Rachel

The third week of camp has been a blast! With the preschoolers, kindergarteners, and first graders, we played games using a parachute. The kids especially loved playing Sharks and Lifeguards.

With the older groups, we played Knock Out and Hand Ball. We also did a relay race involving baseball bats, hula-hoops, jump ropes, and soccer balls.

Many of the campers got extra time in the gym due to the rain, where they played Kickball, Basketball, and Indian Chief.

On Tuesday, I traveled with the Stingrays to Springfield and explored the Natural History Museum and the Dr. Seuss Museum. The kids loved looking at all the animals and interacting with the Dr. Seuss exhibits.



More Pictures of the Dolphins...what a great time they are having...

