



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

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Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

Dear Families,

Next week is the last week of STAR Camp. The last five weeks have gone by so quickly and we still have so much to do. Week 6 will be our best week yet!

This is just a reminder that you are able to see our visual newsletter via Kaymbu. You can view pictures or videos that the staff have taken throughout the week. These pictures/videos have captured campers participating in different activities either at the Heights, the lake or even on field trips.

Please remember to have your camper check the lost and found to see if they have forgotten something.

Our last field trip of the year is to Water Wizz. This is the favorite field trip of the year and the one the campers look forward to the most.

Warmest Regards,

Erin McCabe
Camp Director

Week 6 of Camp – Theme of the Week – Farewell

Monday, July 31 – Talent Show, Lake Day

Tuesday, August 1 – Field Trip: Whole camp goes to Water Wizz

Wednesday, August 2 – Minute to Win It, Lake Day

Thursday, August 3 – Tie Dye, Cookout, Lake Day

Friday, August 4 – Campers Choice, Lake Day

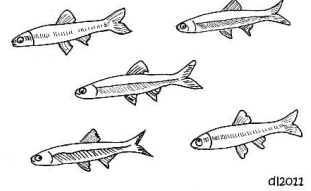
PRE-K GUPPIES

Welcome to Week 5!

Can you believe there's only one more week left?! We don't want the fun to end! Ashley and I feel very lucky to work with such a creative and happy group of Guppies. The **Color Wars** have kept us busy with exciting activities all week. On Monday, each team crafted balloon towers to see which team could build the highest tower. When we went to United Skates of America on Tuesday, every Guppy gave rollerblading a try (most tried it for the first time)! We held an ice cube melting challenge on Wednesday as well as a (no hands) donut eating contest. Thursday and Friday were spent finishing up our Color Wars fun, going to the lake, and did I mention the ICE CREAM SUNDAE PARTY!?!



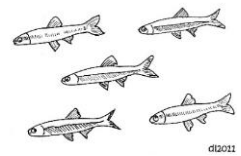
Kindergarten Minnows



The Minnows had such a fun time at STAR camp this week! We had Color Wars all week and participated in some awesome competitions like a Donut Bobbing Contest, Gummy Bear Pie, 3-Legged Race, Balloon Tower contest and so much more. We also had a very exciting field trip to United Skates of America where we all got to roller skate with our friends! The Minnows did such a great job roller skating and never gave up! We also had an ice cream social this week which was extra special and something the Minnows absolutely loved!! They continued to go to our usual specials and got more involved in all the games and activities we do in each one. Next week is our final week of STAR camp and I can't wait to have as much fun with the Minnows next week as we did this week! ☺ Kim



Kindergarten Bettas



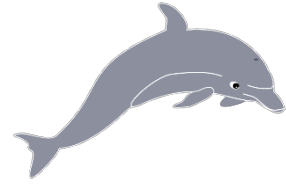
Happy Friday STAR families and friends! It is hard to believe that Friday is here again, and Monday will begin our last week here at camp. This week was full of fun as we participated in Color Wars. There were countless activities like egg and spoon races, melt the ice, 3-legged races, bobbing for donuts, balloon towers and much more! Each person in our group did an incredible job working as a team and collaborating with other grades.

Our field trip was another fun success, and we were so proud of our friends for being persistent and brave roller skaters!

Monday is our long anticipated talent show for those of you that signed up, and we will begin another week of excitement (which includes Water Whiz!) Have a great weekend and we will see you all again on Monday! -Emily and Emily



Grade 1 Dolphins



Wow! How the time has flown by!

Last week students enjoyed various activities, including tug of war, water activities and the standup comedian! Here are the favorites from the week:

Mira-playing on the playground

Sasha-tug of war

Anya-getting splashed by the hose

Hannah-the lake

Tanisha-going to the lake

Devorah-the standup comedian

Kenny- sports, computers and gym

Michael- sports

Nathan- being sprayed by the hose

Yulin-everything

Arya- computers

Lucy- art

Liam- giving me a duckie in my head

Eli- everything, but especially music

Camilla- the standup comedian

Lia- everything

Isabella- getting sprayed by the hose

Kayla- everything

Gregory- everything

Eden-art





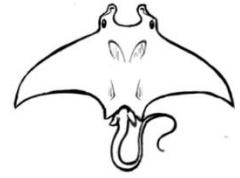
Marlins



We cannot believe next week is the last week of camp! Time flies when you are having so much fun in the sun! We are going to miss our Marlin campers. The Marlins loved the United Skates of America. They did such a great job skating. The pro skaters, as well as the beginner skaters, persevered and tried their best! Color Wars was a BLAST! Campers were bobbing for donuts, building balloon towers, popping balloons (with no hands), and many more activities. Every team did great with their cheering and participation.



Grade 3 Stingrays



The Stingrays had an exciting week. We went on a field trip to United Skates of America in Rhode Island. Many of the Stingrays got the hang of roller-skating very quickly and were flying around the rink! We learned that skating is hard work, but many kept with it and practiced all day. On Thursday, we had a cookout as well as an ice cream party where the campers made their own sundaes with vanilla or chocolate ice cream.

This week was Color Wars for the whole camp. All campers were split into groups by color and competed in games every day. Some of the games were an egg race, a 3 legged race, melt the ice, donuts on a string, and pop the balloons. It was tight competition between the green, red, yellow, and blue teams! One of our favorite

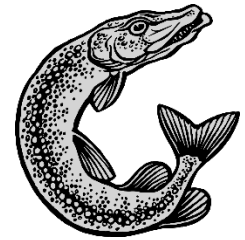


activities was melt the ice. The teams had to work together to melt a block of ice to get to the penny that was inside. They were not allowed to break the ice so they had to figure out a way to melt the ice the quickest. Many teams used the warmth of their hands to melt the ice and others grabbed cups of warm water to see if it would melt the ice quickest. It was a blast!



Camp has flown by and next week is our last week of STAR Camp! We will be traveling to Water Wizz for our last field trip.

Grade 4 Barracudas



It is hard to believe next week is the last week of our program! This week had its weather challenges but our color wars bolstered our spirit. All campers were split into four teams and had a lot of fun competitions including, egg and spoon relay, donut on a string, ice melt (to release the penny), gummy eating contest, balloon towers, making team banners and more! On Thursday, we had our ice cream sundae making party!

The field trip to Boston on Tuesday took us on a high-speed boat ride on Codzilla. It was a great ride with hairpin turns and getting sprayed with water! After the Codzilla ride, we headed to Castle Island in South Boston to eat our lunch and play on the playground. Please check out our group photo in front of the water at Castle Island as well as a picture on Codzilla.



Next week our last field trip will be on Tuesday when we head to Water Wizz in Wareham, MA, always a favorite for all. Let us think warm and sunny for that day! There will be four lake days next week, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Friday morning, the Barracudas will get to see the dress rehearsal for School of Rock, the next Create Camp production. We will see some of our former campers performing!

Thank you for sharing your children with us this summer! We hope they are having fun because Will and I certainly are! It will be sad to say goodbye next week.

Enjoy your weekend,
Betsy and Will



Grade 5

Hammerheads



This week was filled with a lot of excitement. The theme of the week was Color Wars. Each camper was assigned a color and then worked together as teams to complete some fun tasks. Some of the events included building balloon towers, popping balloons...without using their hands, bobbing for donuts and breaking the ice.

Our field trip to Codzilla was extremely fun for all the campers. The faster the boat went the more excited they became. After our ride, we went to Castle Island to walk around and eat lunch.

Along with enjoying the lake and our cookout on Thursday the campers also enjoyed going to all there specials. We had a great week and are looking forward to next week's field trip to Water Wiz.



Grade 6 Mackerels



This week at STAR Camp the Mackerels participated and thrived through many of the activities. We kicked this week off with Color Wars where the Mackerels were placed into different color groups. Each color group had campers from each age group! Some of the activities of Color Wars included building balloon towers, who can pop the balloon tower the fastest, melt the ice cube to get the penny challenge, and bobbing for donuts. On Tuesday, the Mackerels, along with several other groups, went into Boston to ride the thrilling Codzilla boat. During the ride, everyone got soaked along with experiencing a major adrenaline rush. On Thursday, we enjoyed an ice cream social party after our weekly cookout! It has been a great week for the Mackerels. We are looking forward to all the fun activities in our last week, including the talent show!



Star Assistants

Manatees



Hello!,
This week was Color Wars! Each camper was assigned a color, and participated in different games and activities in hopes to gain points for their color team!

Monday started with a balloon tower contest along with creating a banner to represent each color. It was great to see campers of all ages working together to complete their tasks.

Tuesday we ventured into Boston to ride the exciting Codzilla! It was a bit chilly but we all still had a blast and some even say they spotted the infamous Codzilla! After the thrilling ride we all went to Castle Island to eat lunch and explore.

Next Tuesday the whole camp will be traveling to Water Wiz!
Have a great weekend, Emily



Welcome to ART with Mallory!



We started Color Wars this week and it has been great watching the campers work together with their team. We have missed a few art sessions because of all the excitement, but the campers were still able to finish some imaginative and inventive artwork!

Here are some of the amazing things that were created this week:

Guppies- Tin Foil Prints

Stingrays- Looms

Minnows and Betas- Clay Butterflies

Barracudas- Monoprint

Dolphins- Pinch Pots

Hammerheads- Monoprint Stamps

Marlins- Clay Fish and Book Making

Mackerels- Paper Quilling



Music with Emily

Everybody got to try out the ukulele this week. The Mackerels and Manatees learned a couple chord progressions while the Barracudas and Hammerheads practiced their strumming skills. The Guppies, Minnows and Bettas learned the basics of using the frets to create more than four notes and learned to pluck "Mary Had a Little Lamb" by moving their finger to different frets. The Dolphins, Marlins and Stingrays mastered "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and started learning to strum a pattern while singing.

We had a great time exploring this new instrument and some were able to practice skills they already learned during the school year! In our final week of camp, we are looking forward to revisiting some favorite games and instruments from earlier in the summer and bringing our ukuleles together with the xylophones and percussion to create a larger ensemble.





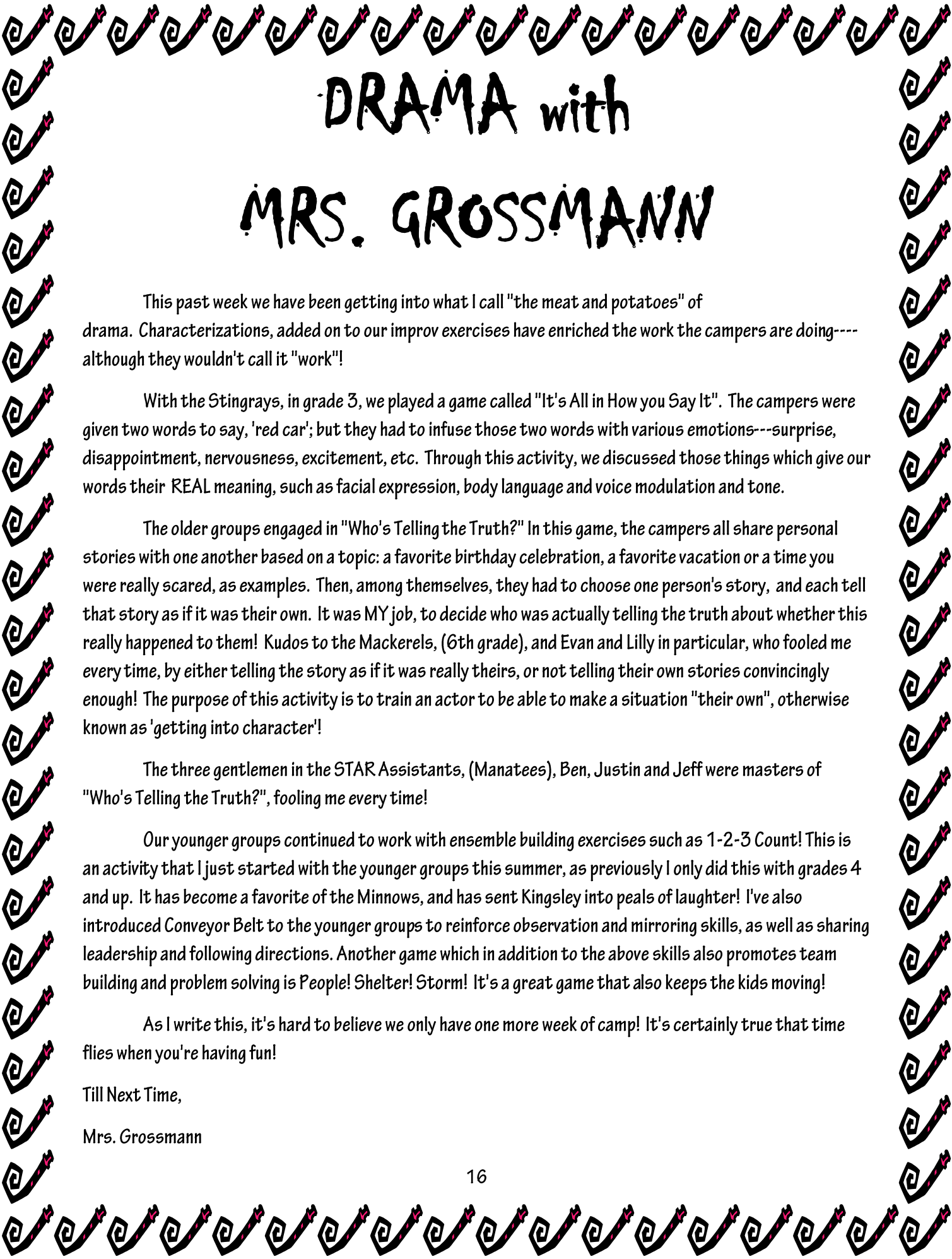
Computers with Mrs. Shulman

It has really been a fun week in Computers. This week we got into the spirit of the "Color Wars" competition, even in the computer lab. On Monday, the campers played Tingly Bubble Shooter (http://www.abcya.com/tingly_bubble_shooter.htm). Justin, from the Manatees, was definitely the high scorer and for that, he got a "ducky" award. Congratulations Justin! On Wednesday, to go along with the melting ice theme, the campers played Bad Ice Cream (<http://www.friv4school.com/school.html>). On Thursday, the Marlins drew their favorite activities of the Color Wars week using the program KidPix 3D (see below). The Bettas and Minnows shared time in the lab and played a game of their choice from the After Care safe site lists. The Stingrays also chose what they wanted to play from the AfterCare list as well.

On Friday, it was Maze day in the lab. The younger campers played Baby Chick Maze (http://www.abcya.com/baby_chick_maze.htm), while the older campers played Layer Maze (<https://www.coolmath-games.com/0-layer-maze>).

As usual, the campers had movement breaks from the Go Noodle website (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>). It was definitely a fun week in the computer lab.





DRAMA with MRS. GROSSMANN

This past week we have been getting into what I call "the meat and potatoes" of drama. Characterizations, added on to our improv exercises have enriched the work the campers are doing--- although they wouldn't call it "work"!

With the Stingrays, in grade 3, we played a game called "It's All in How you Say It". The campers were given two words to say, 'red car'; but they had to infuse those two words with various emotions---surprise, disappointment, nervousness, excitement, etc. Through this activity, we discussed those things which give our words their REAL meaning, such as facial expression, body language and voice modulation and tone.

The older groups engaged in "Who's Telling the Truth?" In this game, the campers all share personal stories with one another based on a topic: a favorite birthday celebration, a favorite vacation or a time you were really scared, as examples. Then, among themselves, they had to choose one person's story, and each tell that story as if it was their own. It was MY job, to decide who was actually telling the truth about whether this really happened to them! Kudos to the Mackerels, (6th grade), and Evan and Lilly in particular, who fooled me every time, by either telling the story as if it was really theirs, or not telling their own stories convincingly enough! The purpose of this activity is to train an actor to be able to make a situation "their own", otherwise known as 'getting into character'!

The three gentlemen in the STAR Assistants, (Manatees), Ben, Justin and Jeff were masters of "Who's Telling the Truth?", fooling me every time!

Our younger groups continued to work with ensemble building exercises such as 1-2-3 Count! This is an activity that I just started with the younger groups this summer, as previously I only did this with grades 4 and up. It has become a favorite of the Minnows, and has sent Kingsley into peals of laughter! I've also introduced Conveyor Belt to the younger groups to reinforce observation and mirroring skills, as well as sharing leadership and following directions. Another game which in addition to the above skills also promotes team building and problem solving is People! Shelter! Storm! It's a great game that also keeps the kids moving!

As I write this, it's hard to believe we only have one more week of camp! It's certainly true that time flies when you're having fun!

Till Next Time,

Mrs. Grossmann

Dance with Hannah

This week in Dance was a blast as always!!!! We played the game Just Dance to some of our favorite songs, including Despacito, Cheerleader, Call Me Maybe, and Power.

The Barracudas are getting ready to perform their dance to "I'm a Believer" on Friday, in front of the whole camp at afternoon snack. They are going to do a great job!

We also played lots of Freeze Dance and danced to the YMCA, the Chicken Dance, and of course the Macarena. I cannot believe that next week is our last week of camp, but this summer has been one of the best, and I cannot wait to finish it with an awesome last week!!!!



Outdoor Sports/Gym with Zach, Shannon, Samantha & Rachel

This week we combined Outdoor Sports and Gym and it was all about Color Wars. Although it was raining on Monday, it didn't stop the campers. They built balloon towers, played pop the balloons (without using their hands) and worked on their team banners. On Tuesday, the younger campers traveled to United Skates of America where they cautiously enjoyed roller-skating. The older campers traveled to Boston where they voyaged on the speedboat, Codzilla, which took them through Boston Harbor.

On Wednesday, we played Capture the Flag, where campers were split into two teams to go head-to-head against each other. Later that day, campers gathered in the cafe to play melt the ice, a competition where everyone had to figure out how to melt a large chunk of ice in the quickest amount of time.

On Thursday, we began the day with an egg race, where campers balanced an egg on a spoon and had to walk across the field. Later, campers participated in a gummy bear pie-eating contest. Campers were instructed to eat gummy bears that were completely submerged in whipped cream without using their hands. Then, the campers were challenged to do a three-legged race.

Friday, we played a fun game of whiffle ball in the morning. After lunch we spent the rest of the day at the lake where campers had the choice of playing on the field, swimming, doing arts and crafts, or other activities.

We look forward to a fun-filled last week of camp, with a lot more adventures to come.

-Samm, Shannon, Zach, and Rachel

