



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2018

Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

Dear Families,

This week the campers all put on their collective thinking caps and worked together to create amazing marble mazes, catapults and towers. It has been wonderful to watch each group work as a team.

Please take a few minutes to read the reminders. Drop off and pick up times are extremely important. Please try to stay on our schedule.

Just a few reminders:

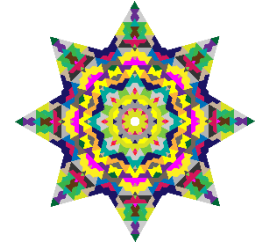
- Early drop off is at 8:00AM
- Regular drop off is at 9:00AM
- Campers are not allowed in the cafeteria until 8:50AM
- Regular pick up is at 4:00PM
- Late pick up is at 5:00PM
- There will be no pickup at the lake
- If you have not yet signed up for the REMIND App please take the time to do so. This allows me to communicate with families if we are running late from a trip or if there are any changes with the schedules during the week.
- Call [781-784-1519](tel:781-784-1519) when reporting an absence
- **Field Trips:** Please remember to have your child wear their camp shirt, bring a bag lunch, and wear 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. If your child has special dietary needs make sure to include the information on the bag of food you send in. It should include their name as well as what group they are in. We do not cook or serve chicken. Our hotdogs and rolls are Kosher.
- Snacks are provided in the morning and afternoon. Morning snack include bagels, fresh fruit, yogurt, cheese sticks, muffins or nutri-grain bars. Afternoon snack includes, fresh vegetables, yogurt, cheese sticks, cookies, crackers, baked chips or popsicles depending on the weather.
- Please write your child's name where it is easily seen, on everything, especially towels, clothes, water bottles, bathing suits and goggles.
- On lake days, please send your child with a bathing suit, sunscreen, a towel and water shoes. All towels should be labeled with your child's name. Campers must have some type of footwear when going in the lake. No one **will be allowed** to go barefoot.
- Check the "Lost and Found" bin under the desk in the cafeteria.
- Please apply sunscreen (and bug spray if you wish) to your child each morning at home prior to coming to camp. On hot days, counselors will have their groups reapply frequently during the day. It does make getting ready for the lake easier and faster if they come to camp already in their bathing suits.

Next week's theme is CandyLand.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Licorice Lagoon & Lollypop Woods	Field Trips PK-3 - Edaville RR	Gingerbread House	Cupcake Commons & Gummy Hills	Ice Palace
Lake Day	G4-6 - JFK Museum	Lake Day	Cookout	Lake Day

Warmest Regards,
Erin McCabe
Camp Director

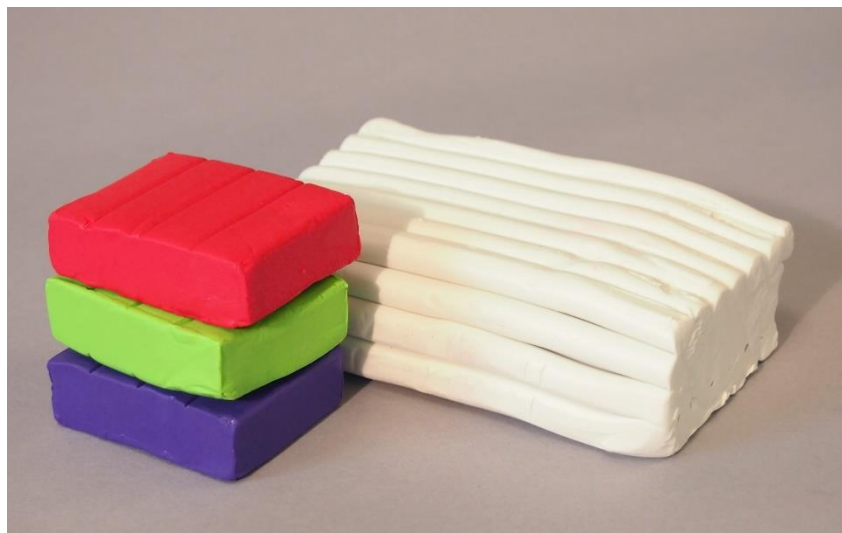
ART



Adventures in the Art Room!

I cannot believe we are at the halfway point of camp! The days are flying by and we are having so much fun creating with so many different materials in the art room. This week all of our groups have been creating with clay. Some things you may see coming home this week are clay snail, clay wizards, pinch pots, coil bowls and clay owls.

Example of a Pinch Pot



COMPUTERS



As we finish Week 3 of camp and reach that half waypoint, the campers are trying new games and learning new skills in the computer lab. The first thing that campers do when they come into the Library for computers is start with a movement break. We use the website Go Noodle (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>). This week we have done "Pop Se Ko", always a camp favorite.

Using the interactive white board, I show the campers what they will be doing for their project for that period. In most cases, the project relates to the theme of the day.

Some of the activities we have done this week include:

- On Monday as the campers were building marble mazes as a group, in the computer lab the older campers were playing a marble game: (<http://mypuzzle.org/marble-lines>). The younger campers found many math related marble games such as MathMan Jr. on ABCYA: (<http://www.abcya.com/>).
- On Wednesday as the campers created catapults as a group, the campers played a coin game where you pull a ball on a bungee cord to collect coins. They really enjoyed playing this game and trying to get higher scores (<http://www.abcya.com/coin.htm>).
- On Thursday, it was "Oopy Goopy Filthy Fun" day. The campers used the program KidPix 3D to create their own messy picture.
- On Friday, the campers worked to create tall towers. In the computer lab, the older campers played a super stacker game found on the engineering.com website (<http://www.engineering.com/GamesPuzzles/Superstacker2.aspx>) . The younger campers played Shapes/Geometry found on ABCYA.com (http://www.abcya.com/shapes_geometry_game.htm).

Once their projects are completed, they are allowed free time on the computer. They are only allowed to play games that come from those sites listed on the Community Education website under After Care Safe Computer Sites:

(<https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/after-care-safe-computer-sites/>)

I would like to thank the Star Assistants this week for helping in the lab. They are always willing to help me get the computers logged on and ready to use. Great job!

This week has been so much fun in Computers and of course, the lab is air conditioned so all of the campers enjoy the chance to come in and cool off.



DANCE



Due to the rain on Friday, usually a lake day, we had a change in schedule, giving each group some extra time in Dance last week. We took this time to finally choose a song to create a routine to dance to as a group. The song each group voted on was one by the band in which their group is named after. Some groups had time to start coming up with awesome ideas by doing some free dance to the chosen song. The Monkees and The Beatles were the first to get started and they are off to a great start!! When completed, the groups will get to show case the routine that they make, to the camp and will get to see what their friends came up with as well.



DRAMA



This week in Drama, we have been exploring the concept of Creativity. In Drama, the creative act is primarily in the writing of the Drama or Comedy piece, or in the interpretation of a character. Creativity is also displayed in Improvisation or 'Improv'.

The game, "Two Sticks", involves the campers sitting in a circle and taking turns using an object, (in our case, a pool noodle), and introducing it as something else, and making a statement about it. As an example, 'This is my elephant's trunk, and it's very stuffy today.' The Byrds, (1st Grade), Turtles, (3rdGrade), and Temptations, (5th Grade), all did this activity and demonstrated some very creative thinking, very quickly. Today, (Thursday), the Byrds got to do the activity again—this time with a Hula Hoop! Nicholas' Hula Hoop was announced as, "This is my trampoline, and it's very bouncy today"!

The Pre-K group, The Rascals, were introduced to the game, "Alien, Tiger, Cow", a game with the same idea as "Rocks, Paper, Scissors", except that instead of showing your play using only your hands, "Alien, Tiger, Cow" uses your whole body. It also teaches taking turns, leadership, and working together as a group.

Third Grade, (Turtles) ,enjoyed "Statue and Sculptor". One camper, (the sculptor), positions his/her 'block of clay', (the other camper), to create a 'Statue'. We then circulated among the 'gallery', having the 'sculptors' explain their work.

The Temptations got a creativity work-out this week, with an Improv game called "Two-Headed Monster", where two campers must create a story, each camper stating one word, and the other camper supplying a follow-up word to complete the story. Suggestions were given by the rest of the group by supplying an object and a location on which to base the story.

Kudos to the Miracles, (4th Grade), who navigated and negotiated the "Group Knot", an exercise in creative thinking, problem solving and mostly, TEAMWORK! The whole group did a fabulous job, and two campers in particular, Shalu and Jacob, received Duckies for modeling leadership and patience! Awesome work, Miracles! 🍌

Till Next Time,

Lisa Grossmann



GYM



Greetings from the Gym! We had some great times in the Gym this week. The campers got excited playing “Hula Hoop Bumper Tag”. Just do not get tagged by the Hula Hoop.

They also played games of Speed Rabbit where the campers had to create shapes and perform actions on command. They also attempted the game “Human Knot”. Have you ever tried to create a circle by untangling yourselves, without letting go...not as easy as it sounds?

In addition, of course, there is nothing like an old-fashioned game of kickball to get the campers moving.

We look forward to introducing the campers to more games where they not only have fun but also challenge themselves.

MINDFULNESS



This week in mindfulness the children enjoyed creating a mind map of the things that made them happy. The mind map included going to camp, spending time with family, and going to the lake. After creating the mind map, the children were inspired to make thank you notes for the people who make the things that make them happy possible.

The children enjoyed making stress balls and practicing meditation outdoors.

Next week, the kids look forward to more mindful crafts and inclusion of nature.



OUTDOOR SPORTS



This week in outdoor sports, we started out with an activity for the younger campers called “Hot Hoops.” This game required campers to jump in and out of different colored hula-hoops, depending on which colors were hot. If a camper was caught in one of the “hot” hula-hoops for too long, they were out. We also played a competitive game of kickball with some of the older campers on the hard-top.

On Tuesday, campers ventured to Chepachet Farms and Battleship Cove for their weekly field trip.

On Wednesday, campers enjoyed being introduced to Four Square and the different variations of how it can be played. It was interesting because different groups seemed to like different ways to play the game.

Thursday, not only did we play soccer, but we also did drills to improve our skills such as going in and out of cones. At the end of the drills, the campers were allowed to play their own game of soccer or “King of the Court.”

Lastly, on Friday, campers were taught how to play Handball. Handball is a team sport in which two teams of around seven players each pass a ball using their hands, while only using three steps, with the aim of throwing it into the goal of the other team. The campers especially liked Handball because it was a cool new way for them to play sports without much equipment.

-Samantha, Monica, and Zach

PRE-K RASCALS



The Rascals had yet another fun-filled week! Some highlights straight from the campers have been the walking club, yoga with Miss Grace, and the field trip to Chepachet Farms. The Rascals loved tasting real maple syrup and feeding the animals!

It has been so cool working together on team building activities such as the marble run and building a catapult! We are looking forward to what this next week brings!

Miss Danielle and Miss Monica



Chepachet Farms
& Sugar House

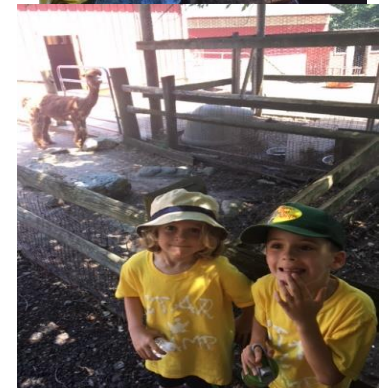


<http://www.chepachetfarms.com/>

KINDERGARTEN MONKEES



The Monkees just completed week three at S.T.A.R camp and the weeks just keep getting better and better! This week The Monkees participated in many different activities that got their “creative minds” working together on different projects such as creating mazes and catapults. The Monkees have been doing such a great job at all their specials as well as becoming such great friends especially on our field trip to Chepachet Farms where we all had so much fun!



What was your favorite part of Chepachet Farms?

Nathan	Feeding the Animals	Lazlo	Feeding the animals
Tal	Feeding the Animals	Mila	Feeding the animals
Bennett	Eating the ice cream	Roshini	Making the sheep wool craft
Krupa	Petting & feeding the animals	Eva	Tasting the Syrup
Kathleen	Feeding the animals	James	Feeding “Hamilton” the pig
Anika	Feeding the animals		

Kindergarten Hollies

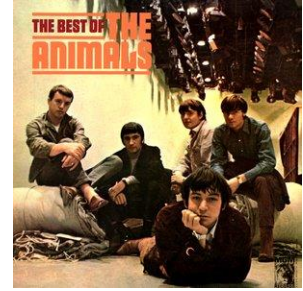


Q: What was your favorite part of our field trip to Chepachet farms?

Dennis: Making the art project
Adi: Making a sheep
Grace: Feeding the farm animals
Julian: Feeding the alpaca and tasting the maple syrup
Aya: Feeding the farm animals
Grayson: Feeding the farm animals
Amelia: Making the art project
Parker: Making the sheep
Yuvan: Seeing the chickens
Michael: Seeing the yellow house



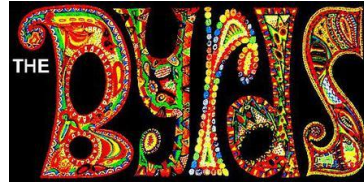
GRADE 1 ANIMALS



This week was eventful for The Animals! On Monday, The Animals worked as a team to create a successful marble run. The Animals ventured to Chepachet Farms where they fed animals, taste tested maple syrup and made their own little sheep out of real wool. On Wednesday, The Animals started their day off with a bit of engineering, as a group they created a catapult. Another successful week for The Animals!



GRADE 1 BYRDS



Hello campers and families!

We are officially halfway through our summer here at STAR Camp which is impossible to believe! Time sure does fly when you are having fun. This week was all about being creative and building things together as a team. Together the Byrds created a marble run using recycled materials, as well as a catapult for mini marshmallows! The teamwork they displayed was admirable and we are so proud of our group.

On Tuesday, we traveled to Chepachet Farm in Rhode Island and enjoyed a wonderful day learning about the different wildlife, farm animals, maple syrup, and much more! The students even got a chance to create their own sheep out of real wool.

We ended the week with more fun activities and a cookout followed by refreshing lake visits. Have a great weekend and enjoy some of the pictures we have attached!

-Emily and Jill



GRADE 2 BEATLES



This week the Beatles enjoyed a field trip to Chepachet Farms in Rhode Island, in addition to lake trips and STEM activities!

At the farm, we went on a tour, fed animals, had maple sundaes, sampled maple syrup, and made a sheep out of wool. Most campers said they enjoyed the craft activity and the maple sundaes the most.



This week campers have really enjoyed playing slimer tag and ninja during group time. We are ready for week 4!

GRADE 3 TURTLES



We cannot believe that we have just finished week 3 of camp! This past week, the Turtles have been keeping busy with many different activities.

We kicked off the week by working as a team to build a marble Maze using only tape, cotton balls, Popsicle sticks and aluminum foil.

On Tuesday, we set sail down to Battleship Cove for our second field trip. What a blast! We explored four giant ships and a submarine!

As always, we have been spending these warm summer days at Lake Massapoag. It is a great way to cool off! Thank goodness, it is not as humid this week.

On Wednesday, we built a team catapult and got the chance to launch mini marshmallows- very fun!

Thursday, as always, we enjoyed the cookout and Friday, was another team-building event, where we had to build a tower. We really used our creative minds this week.

We are looking forward to next week when we head to Edaville Railroad for our weekly field trip. We have really been enjoying our adventures this year.



GRADE 4 MIRACLES

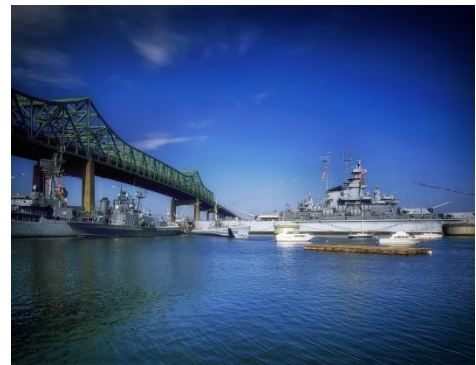


Week 3 in the books!
Wooo! Great Job Miracles!



BattleShip Cove. It was so much fun seeing the USS Massachusetts and USS Lionfish. We have participated in so many fun activities so far this summer. Here are some of our favorite activities and why:

The heat has subsided a little and we went to



Counselor Ben -

Going to the lake because it is beautiful, scenic, and cooler

Counselor Brenna -

Field Trip because I get to go to new places with the Miracles

Akhil -

Art because it is my favorite special, even during the school year

Asher -

Group time because we get to do what we want during that time

Taylor -

Sport because we get to do fun activities and exercise

Israel -

Group time because we get to hang out with each other

Jacob -

Drama because we do theater stuff

Lena -

Gym because we get to move

Shalu -

Playground because I get to play basketball and the lake because I like going swimming

GRADES 5 & 6

TEMPTATIONS



This week has been so much fun! We have been participating in various team-building activities like the marble maze run. On Wednesday, as a group, we built catapults out of different recycled materials and we needed to be able to launch mini-marshmallows from them! The group had to use some serious team building and communication skills to properly build a catapult.

This week's field trip was to Battleship Cove down in Fall River. We explored three ships, including the USS Massachusetts, which came to Fall River in 1965. The group really learned a lot and had tons of fun crawling through all the nooks and crannies the boats had to offer.

In Mindfulness, we got to make our own stress balls using flour, water and balloons. The kids had a lot of fun designing them.

As usual, we enjoyed a great cookout on Thursday and on Friday, we built 10 inch towers as a group. A great way to end the week.



STAR ASSISTANTS DRIFTERS



This week was filled with fun and creative thinking! On Monday, the Star Assistants created a marble run with various materials including tin foil, tape, and Popsicle sticks. The goal was to create a successful pathway for a marble to travel through. (See the image below). The Star Assistants worked as a team to create this intricate and successful marble run.

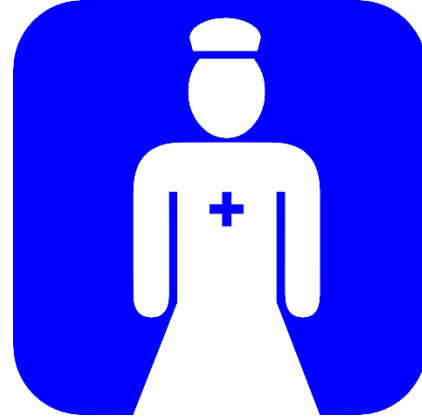
On Tuesday, we traveled to Battleship Cove in Fall River. The Star Assistants explored the various ships and submarines used in World War II. It was a tight squeeze getting through all the tiny hallways and ladders within the ships. Overall, this was a field trip for the books!

On Wednesday, the Star Assistants yet again used their creative minds to create a catapult with materials like tape, rubber bands, paper clips, plastic spoons, and Popsicle sticks (see below). The Star Assistants got right to brainstorming with ideas and then began collaboratively creating the catapult.

Thursday and Friday proved that the Star Assistants are always willing to try and to help, especially at the cookout.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE



As we close out the first half of S.T.A.R. Camp I want to send out a few important reminders:

- If your child has an Epi-pen, Inhaler, or any other medication that they need for camp, please drop it off with their counselor when you arrive in the morning or at pick-up in the afternoon to ensure that I receive it.
- Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to camp, and to send it in daily in their bag so we can re-apply in the afternoon.

If you ever have concerns or questions for me, you can contact the front desk and they will get in touch with me. We are definitely having a fun and healthy summer so far!

Maryanne Auld MSN, RN
S.T.A.R. Camp Nurse