



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2018

Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

Dear Families,

It is crazy to think that we only have two more weeks left of STAR Camp. The last four weeks have gone by so quickly and we still have so much to do. Week 5 is COLOR WARS. The list of color teams is hanging up in the hallway underneath the "Lost & Found" sign. It was also posted on the REMIND App last week. Campers should wear their assigned color shirt everyday with the exception of Thursday 26th, as it is a field trip day. Please do not run out and purchase t-shirts as long as they are wearing something with their color in it that will be fine.

This is just a reminder you should be receiving an email every Friday night from our visual newsletter, Kaymbu. You can view the pictures or videos that the staff took throughout the week. These pictures/ videos have captured campers participating in different activities either at Cottage, the lake or even on field trips.

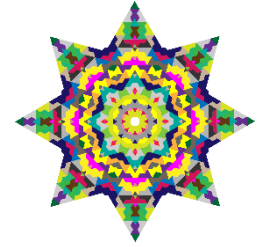
Again, I will have to ask that you **do not** drop your child off with us before 8:50am; staff is still arriving and getting set up for the camp day.

Next week's theme is Color Wars

Monday 7/23	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Color Wars	Color Wars	Color Wars	Field Trip –	Color Wars
Lake Day	Ice Cream Social	Lake Day & Cookout	PK-1: Barn Babies G2-8: Pawtucket Red Sox Game	Lake Day

Warmest Regards,
Erin McCabe
Camp Director

ART



Adventures in the Art Room!

This week we have been experimenting with different types of sculptures other than ceramics. We used unconventional objects to create many three-dimensional masterpieces. Some things you may see coming home this week are; cardboard sculptures, pipe cleaner sculptures, crazy line sculptures, tube sculptures and robot sculptures.



COMPUTERS



Week 4 of STAR Camp is over and the campers are trying new games and continuing to learn 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 "Cookie Boogie" to go along with the CandyLand theme.

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 the camp theme was Licorice Lagoon/Lollipop Woods. In the computer lab the campers used KidPix 3D to create their own candy bars or candy-related pictures.
- On Wednesday as the campers created a gingerbread house as a group, the campers used the drawing game in ABCYA.com to create their own gingerbread houses on the computer. (http://www.abcya.com/kids_make_a_gingerbread_house.htm).
- On Thursday, it was Cupcake Commons/Gummy Hills day. Again, the students went to ABCYA and using a drawing game, created their own cakes (http://www.abcya.com/make_a_cake.htm) or played Candy Timberman (http://www.abcya.com/candy_timberman.htm).
- On Friday, the theme was Ice Palace. The campers went to Disney.com to play games related to the movie "Frozen". (<http://lol.disney.com/games/frozen-games>). The campers were able to choose which game they wanted to play.

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



Continuing this week, with the exception of fun field trips on Tuesday, the groups are working on their performances for the camp. After a warm up of playing the dance version of four corners to get moving, each group has gotten off to a great start and some are even finishing up and getting their dances memorized and cleaned up to be ready for the stage. Their teamwork and creativity throughout the process has been awesome to watch. This Friday, the Beatles will be the first to perform their dance to the song Blackbird by The Beatles. I am so excited to see all their hard work finally come together and for the rest of the groups to finish up and get ready to perform!



DRAMA



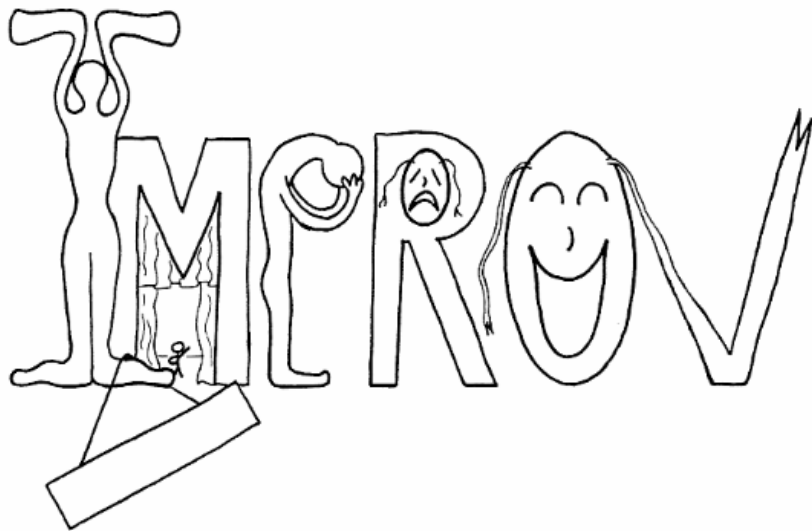
This week in Drama, we are continuing to hone our creativity, which is necessary in improvising lines or responses to situations, which may catch us off-guard. It is also a needed skill in turning an everyday object into an entirely different thing, (using our imaginations to do it).

Campers in grades, 2, 3 and 5 ---The Beatles, Turtles and Temptations, respectively, will be exploring characterization through voice. The campers will deliver a neutral line, but be directed to read the line in a variety of emotions, in an activity called, "It's All in How You Say It".

This week's theme at camp has been 'Candy', and the Temptations did a great job pantomiming different types of candy. As performers pantomimed, the rest of us had to guess which candy they were 'eating'. Jason did a fabulous pantomime of eating a peanut butter cup!

This week we have pulled out a favorite from previous years called, "Why Are You Late"? This game involves pantomime and improvisation.

Our younger groups strengthened their flexibility and observational skills with a game called, "People! Shelter! Storm!"



Till Next Time,

Lisa Grossmann



GYM



This week was a busy one for gym! We started it off by playing many activities in Gym. The campers were able to play a wide range of games such as Speed Rabbit, Kickball, Kings Keys and Hula Hoop Bumper Tag.

They all enjoyed Speed Rabbit, as they stood in a circle and then selected one camper to go in the middle to be 'it'. The person in the middle then gives a command for everyone else to follow. These games kept the campers moving.

On Tuesday, the older campers went on a field trip to the John F. Kennedy Library in Dorchester, where they learned about the president's life before and after his presidency.

We are excited to play more fun games and activities with our campers during the last two weeks of camp.

MINDFULNESS



This week in mindfulness, the children enjoyed creating calming jars with water bottles and glitter. The children picked out their own colors and decorated the bottles. When shaken, the glitter in the water bottles swirl which represents how difficult it is to see and think clearly when there are many distractions. When the water is still, the glitter floats to the surface and the children were able to see the water clearly. The water represented the children and the glitter represented stressors and distractions. The children also enjoyed an activity where they had to silently write down their thoughts for three minutes and then discuss them. The younger children loved yoga story videos where they did themed yoga to Minecraft and Moana stories. The children are looking forward to next week which will include many drawing and outdoor activities.



OUTDOOR SPORTS



This week in Outdoor Sports we began on Monday by playing a game called "Stuck in the Mud." This game is another variation of tag and is a lot like freeze tag, but the catch is that once you're stuck, another one of your team members must crawl through your legs to get you back in. The younger kids really enjoyed this game because of its simplicity and silly rules.

On Wednesday, it was beautiful out so all the campers went on a special nature walk through the Cottage Street School Nature Trail. Campers especially loved this activity because it allowed them to take a step back and appreciate nature.

On Thursday, we played Firecracker Tag. This game required the campers to stay within a specific zone, made up of cones, and they had to run around. The catch: each camper had a balloon tied to his/her foot at the beginning of each round. To get someone out, you must pop the balloon.

For free choice Friday, campers were given the option to play either Tetherball, Capture the flag, or Basketball. The younger campers liked to play capture the flag, while the older campers seemed to be more interested in playing Tetherball and basketball.

We are looking forward to Color Wars and another fun-filled week during Week 5 of STAR Camp.

-Samantha, Monica, and Zach

PRE-K RASCALS



This week the campers had an awesome time at camp! The theme of the week was Candyland and we did some super fun candy filled activities, games, and crafts. The Rascals also got the opportunity to create sculptures in art class and even got to take a nature walk on a scenic on-site trail!

The field trip of the week was to Edaville railroad in Carver, home of Thomas land. There the Rascals took a train ride that led them on a tour of the entire amusement park! They also went on some super fun rides and were able to explore Dinosaur land! They all agreed the most fun was the ride on the carousel!



KINDERGARTEN MONKEES



Week four at S.T.A.R camp had the theme "Candyland". The Monkees had such a great time creating a candy bracelet, making a gingerbread house, playing lollipop toss and trying to melt an ice balloon! This week The Monkees went on such a great field trip to Edaville Railroad! Everyone in The Monkees had such a great time despite the warm weather there! Each day every child in this group continues to show such great manners, friendship to each other and have as much fun as possible!

What was your favorite ride at Edaville Railroad?

Tal	Ferris Wheel	Bennett	Troublesome Trucks Runaway Coaster
Lazlo	Ferris Wheel	Kathleen	Troublesome Trucks Runaway Coaster
Krupa	Free Fallin' Ride	Eva	Nut Tree Hot Air Balloon Ride
Roshini	Free Fallin' Ride	Mila	Troublesome Trucks Runaway Coaster
Nathan	Flying Elephant Ride	Anika	Spinning Lady Bug Coaster
James			





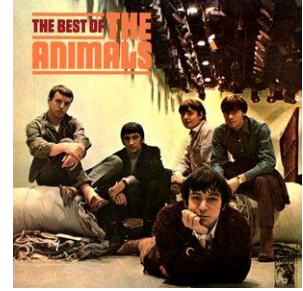
Kindergarten Hollies

Hey Hollies, what did you like most about Edaville Railroad?

Adi: "The Big Eli"
Yuvan: "Dinoland"
Jacob: "Dinoland"
Grace: "That I went on rides"
Grayson: "The elephant ride"
Parker: "The ladybug ride"
Amelia: "The Ferris Wheel"
Mike: "The ladybug ride"
Julian: "The ladybug ride"
Daniel: "Buying Jurassic World stuff"
Dennis: "Buying something"



GRADE 1 ANIMALS



Week 4 at STAR Camp has been an amazing week for The Animals! On Monday, The Animals did a great job in Drama as they played games that required them to work as a team and think creatively.

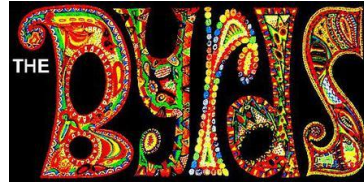
The Animals ventured to Edaville Railroad on Tuesday, where they took a ride on the train, went on amusement rides and ended the day with yummy treats!

This week at camp is a candy-themed week; The Animals have taken on tasks that go with our theme. Wednesday morning The Animals worked together to construct a team gingerbread house using all sorts of recycled materials.

Overall The Animals have a great week together and we are looking forward to week five!



GRADE 1 BYRDS



Hello campers and families!



Week 4 of STAR Camp is in the books, and it was filled with great times and amazing adventures. The theme of this week was CandyLand and on Wednesday the campers worked together to create an amazing Gingerbread house out of all kinds of recyclable materials and boxes. We were so proud of the teamwork they displayed as a group. Other projects related to the CandyLand theme, included

creating bracelets/necklaces with candy and building gumdrop domes.



On Tuesday, we traveled to Edaville Railroad and enjoyed a wonderful day. The campers went on



various rides and took a train around the park. All of the campers and their counselors had a great day!

During the week, as usual, we visited all of the specialist areas. We made calming jars in Mindfulness and worked on our group dance in Dance. In Computers, we played games related to this week's theme and moved to Cookie Boogie. We enjoyed working on our improv skills at Drama.



We rounded out the week with a cookout on Thursday and of course, lots of refreshing lake visits. -Emily and Jill

GRADE 2 BEATLES



This week at STAR Camp we went to Edaville Railroad where the campers went on many thrilling rides and some campers purchased Dip and Dot Ice Cream to cool off. Some of the campers' favorite rides were the Spinning Ladybug Coaster, Big Eli: The Ferris Wheel, and Free Fallin'.

Campers have loved Candyland week. They have guessed jellybean amounts, built a gingerbread house, and made candy bracelets. We are really looking forward to the Paw Sox game next week!



GRADE 3 TURTLES

Happy week four of camp from the Turtles! This week has been very sweet. We are enjoying the Candyland theme with many activities centered on sweets! Only using one hand each, we had to work together to tie pieces of licorice together- what a fun challenge! We also had to guess how many jellybeans were in a jar. Shout out to Sophia for the closest guess!



Next, we had a blast on our field trip to Edaville Railroad. A great day filled with fun rides. On Wednesday, we created a life size Gingerbread House, the ST ★ R VILLAGE!

We are still enjoying our lake days - many turtles are swimming, participating in clubs and playing in the field! That is all for now! We look forward to Week 5!!



GRADE 4 MIRACLES



We have been in Candyland all week! Fun candy related games and life size gingerbread house making.

The Miracles also went to the John F. Kennedy Library! We had a fun time learning about Kennedy's impact on history. We also took an hour-long harbor walk near the museum. During the group walk, the Miracles waved at everyone that drove and walked by to get them to smile and wave back.



On to week 5!!

We are off to the Pawtucket Red Sox game and the campers are allowed to bring money and their best cheering voice. We look forward to the fun to come!

Thank you
Ben and Brenna

GRADES 5 & 6

TEMPTATIONS



This week's theme was CandyLand and we had so many candy related group activities. On Monday, our group combined with the Drifters and then were split up into groups. Each group had to be able to tie Twizzlers in a knot with one hand only. This was a fun activity.

Tuesday was both our field trip day and another candy related activity. In the morning before the buses departed, each of our campers had to guess how many jellybeans were in a jar and the closest guess won the whole jar! The winner for our group was Inbar.



Our field trip this week was to the John F. Kennedy Museum and Library in Boston. The museum tour started with a 20-minute video that detailed the life of JFK before he was nominated for President at the Democratic National Convention. From that point on our tour was self-guided, showing us JFK's time as president through November 23, 1963. It was great seeing many of the historical documents and a model of the Oval Office during his

presidency.

On Wednesday, our group was tasked with building a life-size gingerbread house made of various recycled materials. Our group worked so hard and well together and we are very proud of our house!

Next week we are looking forward to the start of Color Wars and our field trip, on Thursday, to the Pawtucket Red Sox.

Until then tootaloo,

Roberta & Alex



STAR ASSISTANTS

DRIFTERS



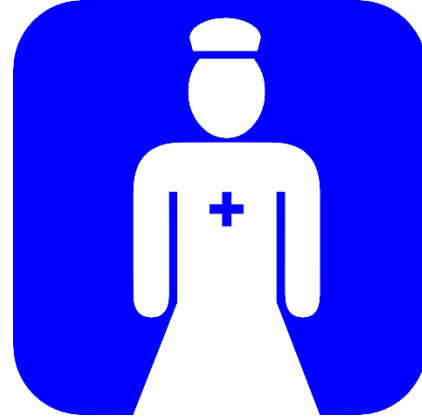
I cannot believe how fast camp is going by! This week was filled with activities having to do with a Candyland theme. On Monday, the Drifters got to launch their catapult against the Miracles. We won! As always, the Drifters use their creative minds to create successful products.

On Tuesday, we traveled to the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum. Before getting on the bus, the Drifters were given a jar of jellybeans and were asked to guess how many jellybeans were in the jar. The exact amount was 440; and Clara won with her guess of 400 jellybeans. Once, we got to the JFK Museum, we watched a short movie to kick off the field trip that gave a detailed background of JFK's life and accomplishments. We then, explored the museum and were able to see documents, records, and a recreation of the Oval Office. After we finished the tour, we sat in a shady area near the water and ate lunch.

On Wednesday, the Drifters worked together to create a gingerbread house made out of common materials like cardboard, popsicle sticks, ribbon, and more! They bounced ideas off each other and created a successful gingerbread house!



NOTES FROM THE NURSE



It is hard to believe that we are finishing Week 4 of STAR Camp. It is still important to remember the following:

- 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
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