



Summer Camp Descriptions: 2017

Week 1 - Grow Gardens:

During our grow gardens week, we will spend our days spreading and nurturing life around our school planting and maintaining our school gardens. We will be taking many nature walks and spotting and identifying different types of plants and seeds. We will participate in puppet shows and traditional stories which will inspire the feeling of the wonder of life that that our Mother Earth can give. Artistically, we will use seasonal watercolours to paint nature scenes, use natural plant dyes to magically change the colours of our flowers, and use nature to create our flower child crowns.

Week 2 - Build Nests:

A Thursday trip to Evergreen Brickworks will help our friends to honour all that they have experienced about nests, birds, and another animal friends during this week. Found objects and mud collected on our nature walks will help us create nests for our fine-feathered friends. We will build bird feeders and discover what birds and other animals like to eat to stay healthy and strong. Through traditional stories we will answer important questions such as how the robin got his red breast, and be inspired by just how crafty and ingenious birds can be to solve their problems.

Week 3 - Wool Crafts:

This week children will use wool to strengthen their fine motor abilities and discover the many beauties that can be discovered through the use of this natural material. We will be pulling and knitting with wool to create different patterns and styles that can be used for jewellery or decorations. We will be investigating colour mixing and dyeing wool with natural plant dyes before learning the technique of wet felting. Finally, we will take a trip to the Riverdale Farm to thank our sheep friends and other animals for the gifts that they so graciously give us.

Week 4 - Cooking:

During this week, the children will experience Italian cultures through, stories, food, and crafts. They will knead dough, cut and make vegetables and spread sauce to make their very own pizza, all while learning children's songs and poems in Italian. At the end of the week we will take a special trip to the big ravine to have a special teddy bear picnic where we will share our homemade pizzas!

Week 5 - Art and France:

Working with natural materials connects children to the world around them. During this week, children will focus on the power of handiwork while rasping, sanding and decorating large walking sticks that we will search for on our nature walks. We will sing verses that will connect us to our powerful medium while we work, and will take our walking sticks on a hiking adventure to the beautiful High Park.

Week 6 - Woodwork :

This week children will experience French culture through song, story, drama, and food. We will spend the week exploring the world of clay with our hands, paintbrushes, and other tools. We will bake our own bread, pair it with a variety of delicious cheeses, and enjoy this and other French food in park picnics. During the week we will explore the French language and put on a special play for our parents and friends on our last day!

Week 7 - Sun & Water:

This week we will beat the heat in more ways than we can count! We will play fun water games, make a giant slip n' slide and relax in the shady cover that our tree friends will give us on our nature walks. We will take a break from the rays inside to do watercolour paintings, and enjoy (and learn some moves from!) a special guest who will perform a modern contemporary movement piece embodying our two powerful elements. On our last day together, we will head down to a splash pad to cool off and have some fun in the sun.

Week 8 - Castles and Dragons:

This week children will step into their very own fairy tale adventure. We will be sewing beautiful flowing silk capes, dawning majestic and bejewelled crowns, and using our regal wands to cast spells and spread magic wherever we go. We will enjoy storytelling and puppet shows inspired from our ancient and beloved fairy tales and engage in royal games and activities that are fit for a king! (and queen of course.) On the last day of our week we will visit a real live castle and discover what secrets and treasures are held right next door.

Week 9 - First Nations:

This week, we will explore different aspects of the dynamic and important First Nations people. We will recite creation stories about how Mother Earth came to be, craft beautiful dream catchers as our handiwork for the week, and venture out into the Big Ravine near the school to build a teepee as a group. We will also invite a special guest to our school who will tell us stories from her ancestry and teach us an amazing pow-wow dance!