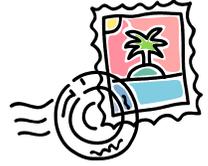




Montessori Child Development Center



Summer Program

July 2 to August 24, 2012



Week 1: July 2- 6 Celebrating America

We will start our Summer Program with a Bang! We will learn about America's independence, monuments that symbolize liberty, and the first 13 colonies. We will have a Fourth of July parade on July 3, and we will be making flags, windsocks, and Uncle Sam hats. *(The school is closed on July 4 and will be open the following day.)*

Week 2: July 9-13



Hawaii: The Rainbow State

We will explore and learn about the beautiful island state of Hawaii. Also known as the "Rainbow State", it has captured the hearts of its visitors. We will take the children on an adventure and introduce them to this state's rich culture and natural resources. This week, we will learn about the different islands, the state flower, state bird, famous landmarks, and some Hawaiian songs and words.

Week 3: July 16-20



Volcanoes of Hawaii

The volcanic mountains creating the Hawaiian Islands are among the greatest mountain ranges on earth. We will study two of Hawaii's spectacular volcanoes: on the Big Island, Mt. Kilauea with its magnificent lava flow, and in Maui, Mt. Haleakala with its eerie, lunaresque beauty. We will learn why volcanoes erupt and have our own Science experiment. Also, we will peel pineapples the Hawaiian way and enjoy its sweet taste.



Week 4: July 23-27

Hawaii's Sea Life

During this week, we will be learning about the different marine animals that dwell in the Hawaiian waters, such as the honu or green sea turtles, the Hawaiian monk seals, spinner dolphins, humpback whales, the parrot fish, and the humuhumunukunukuapua'a. We will be making green sea turtles and paint a colorful parrot fish. We will also learn how to hula dance.



Week 5: July 30- August 3

Summer Olympics



We will make a quick detour from the Pacific to the Atlantic to witness athletes around the world compete in the 2012 London Olympic Games. First, we will learn about the history of the Olympics, from the ancient Greeks to modern times.

We will track all the Olympic sports, the participating countries, and the athletes. Finally, we will learn about the Olympic motto, rules of the games, flag, and ceremony.



Week 6: August 6-10

2012 Olympics – London, England



It's not easy being a host country for the Olympics, but the British are ready to "Inspire a Generation" for the third time. The world will be captivated by London, England, where the 2012 Summer Olympics will take place. We will look at the memorable landmarks, castles, monarchs, and double-decker busses. We will track the winners and have our own sports, relays, and games.



Week 7: August 13-17

Ocean in Motion



After witnessing the spectacle of the Olympic Games, we will go back to our study of the Hawaiian Islands where another kind of sport has gained popularity. Hawaii is known to have the best beaches and waves for surfing. This week, we will introduce the different people of Hawaii and how they made surfing an enjoyable water sport. We will talk about the water safety and learn some "hang loose" kama'aina songs. Also, we will be making flower leis. At the end of the week, August 17, which is Hawaii's statehood day, we will "cool" the hot, hot, weather with the splashing North Shore Wave shakes.



Week 8: August 20-24

Luau



We will finish off the last week of our summer with fun, sun, and games. We will have a hula hoop contest and a hula fest. At the end of the week, we will have a luau and the children will perform a hula dance along with some professional Hawaiian dancers. Everybody is invited to our luau, so bring your family and friends to join us! Aloha and mahalo from the Staff of Montessori Child Development Center!



Note: Academic lessons and Montessori work will continue during our Summer Program. These themes replace our monthly cultural themes.