

## **2012 PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP DESCRIPTIONS**

*All preschool sessions are open to current and incoming preschool students, as well as graduated kindergartners.*

### **All-Day Preschool**

Dates: June 4 – July 27 (8 weeks)

Topic: Regular Preschool

Age Group: 3-6 years old (graduates okay)

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM (Half-Day Option 8:30-12:30)

#### **Session 1: June 4 – 15**

##### **Theme: Cooking with the Cusacks**

Healthy snacks, simple meal preparation, food exploration and nutrition.

Teachers: Eve and Sam Cusack

#### **Session 2: June 18 – June 29**

##### **Theme: Art**

Creating with various art media and an introduction to art history. Session will end with a Gallery show for families to appreciate children's artwork.

Teachers: Eve Cusack

#### **Session 3: July 2 – July 13**

##### **Theme: Our Big Back Yard**

Nature walks, gardening, woodland animals, gnomes & fairies.

Teacher: April Waxler

#### **Session 4: July 16 – July 27**

##### **Theme: Theater**

Music, set building, acting, drama and playwriting.

Teacher: April Waxler

### **Half-Day Preschool**

**Dates: July 16 – July 27**

**Theme: Music**

Instruments, movement, listening, song plays, composition.

Time: 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Lunch option available from 11:30-12:30

Teacher: Eve Cusack

# **2012 ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL CAMP DESCRIPTIONS**

## **Elementary Session I: June 4-15**

### **Construction Camp**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM, M-F

Teacher: Mr. Bailey

Materials Fee: \$20

The intent of this summer camp is to give the students a chance to work on building projects in a cooperative learning environment. There will be a wide range of options from which to choose, and the students may freely move from one project to another.

The camp will feature, by popular request, the K'nex room. This will be a room entirely devoted to a number of large, expert-level, building sets. Of course, there will also be ample opportunity for children to create their own K'nex creations. There will be an arts and crafts table to make projects ranging from origami to animal noise makers. Again, there will be plenty of opportunity for students to create from their own imaginations.

We will also have some optional building contests for children to try. For example, we will see who can build the tallest structure out of exactly one hundred straws. Or we may build cars out of recycled materials and race them. The side-yard will feature a new and improved flying station. Children will make any number of simple and advanced paper airplanes, as well as kites, gliders, and possibly baking soda rockets!

The other stations will include smaller scale projects such as: legos, playdough, taking apart computers and other electronics, marble chutes, books on building, and many activities. We will add projects to the camp daily, particularly at the start of the second week.

As an extra bonus, we will be playing chess this summer, too!

## **Elementary Session II: June 18 – June 29**

### **Camp Challenge**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM, M-F

Teacher: Mr. Cusack

Materials Fee: \$15

In an action packed session, you will discover your personal best in both group and individual challenges. We will be participating in athletics, arts and crafts, riddles and logic puzzles and a wide variety of games, both indoors and outdoors. The camp hopes to give everyone a chance to explore their abilities in a number of team-building and personal experiences. It will also include outdoor days spent hiking, picnicking and exploring nature at nearby parks.

## **Elementary Session III: July 2 – July 13**

### **Art Camp**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, M-F

Teacher: Mrs. Davis

Materials Fee: \$15

We will begin each morning with a short discussion on the principles of art, such as form, contrast, color, line, perspective, etc. Each day we will have 3 art stations, along with plenty of free-exploration time to work with a wide variety of materials. We will work with everything from charcoals, graphite, colored pencils, markers, and oil and chalk pastels, to paints, clay, play dough, wire, and experimentations with large-scale sculpture. We will also work in the functional arts: ceramics, weaving, jewelry-making, etc., and performance art.

The goal is to find art in everything we see around us: the shape of a building, the grouping of a garden...You will have the opportunity to share your art with others that also have a love for creating things.

This will be a chance to work with many materials in a less formal setting than school, where we can really roll up our sleeves and get messy...We will also be going outside to find inspiration in nature—definitely a camp to which you should wear old play clothes!

The camp will finish with a gallery showing to present our creations to friends and family.

## **Elementary Session IV: July 16-July 27**

### **Rough Writers**

Age Group: 6-12 (graduates okay)

Time: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, M-F

Teacher: Mrs. Miller

Materials Fee: \$10

Every masterpiece began as a rough work in progress.

This is your chance to write without classroom constraints! You will spend two jam-packed weeks exploring many writing genres and honing your writing skills. The emphasis will be on imagination, innovation and enjoyment through the writing process, with an "open mic" performance on the last day of camp to share some of your work with friends and family.

In addition to writing opportunities and shared readings, the hands-on experiences will include: making homemade paper for personal journals, book making, daily journaling,

calligraphy, sharing and displaying your work in unique and interesting ways, and many fun word play games and puzzles.

Other activities will include daily nature experiences, where we will seek out quiet places to find inspiration to focus, to listen, to share, and to write. We will also take a field trip (details will be available at a later date), where we will visit a publishing company or spend time with a local author.

So, whether you're interested in poetry, short stories, science fiction, journalism or scriptwriting, this will be a place where you can write freely without the pressure of producing a finished product, and when everyday school grades aren't the goal of writing!