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Summer Learning Camp is *FUN*-tastic!

What is the recipe for summer fun? Mix one part sun, add a splash of water, and a touch of imagination to create a wonderful summer experience at St. Joseph Montessori

School. From June 15th to August 7th, our Summer Learning Camp provided a fun and exciting learning environment for our PreK-8th year students. Classes were devel-

oped with our students' interests in mind that included arts and crafts, sports, science, engineering, and many more. It's always a great time for learning!



Photos: C. Corlett

Our students were all smiles while attending our Summer Learning Camp.

Safety is Always a Priority!



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Jennifer Beatty, along with all camp teachers, started the day by checking temperatures.

The safety of our students and staff is always considered a priority for our administration. To prepare for the start of Summer Learning Camp, a detailed plan was prepared with safety in mind.

Each day, temperatures were taken, masks were worn, and social distancing was monitored. Additional cleaning protocols were also added to the schedule to maintain clean learning environments. With these details in place, students were able to focus on learning and fun.

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Children's House

Our Children's House program this summer included many fun and exciting lessons and activities for our young friends. After students were welcomed into the playground each morning, teachers shared activities based on

a weekly theme. Some of the weekly themes included: Nature Detectives, Celebrate Art, America the Beautiful, Ocean Life, and Outer Space. With our Montessori-credentialed teacher, our students used a variety of fun materials to ex-

plore these great themes. To end the summer on a high note, SJMS partnered with Jump Bunch for Week 8 to help train our students to become future superheroes. Overall, our campers had a great summer.



Our students created wonderful artwork on our outdoor patio.



With help from our teachers, students tried a variety of interesting materials.



Our outdoor patio in the Children's House playground was a great learning environment.



The class enjoyed Circle Time, with appropriate social distancing.

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Lower Elementary

The campers in the Lower Elementary level (1st through 3rd years) enjoyed a full array of summertime fun within the SJMS Summer Learning Camp. The weekly themes include: America Ninja Warrior, Beach Week, The Olympics

and Sports, Explore Art, and many more. This camp level utilized both the elementary playground and Ryan Hall for their activities. These spaces provided ample space for appropriate social distancing. By the end of each week, each stu-

dent had projects and stories to share with their families. The teachers and assistants worked together to prepare age-appropriate activities that received ‘two-thumbs up’ from our campers.



Our students (and teachers!) found the waterplay games fun, especially on hot days.



Students created En Plein Air paintings in the school playground during our Explore Art week.



Cup stacking is just one of the many activities in our school gym.



You could hear giggles and see smiles with the waterplay.

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Upper Elementary & Middle School

Our Upper Elementary/Middle School students (4th through 8th year) took their summer camp experience to the next level with exciting classes. The engaging themes included: Smart Gardening, Computing with Python, Art & Technology, Board Game Design, Sketch Comedy, and

Robotics. These classes were held in both the art room and the Middle School classroom. Each of these classes used each student's imagination to explore new ideas and technology. Students tried software like Python and Minecraft and equipment including a Cri-cut and 3D printer. These classes

helped our campers develop skills in research and development, problem-solving and teamwork. Our students even exercised their 'funny bones' with the Sketch Comedy week where campers wrote and performed mini productions for the class to enjoy.



Evan Boylan worked with students to create robots.



Students used Chromebooks to design programs.



Robots, robots, and more robots!



The class enjoyed their break time with Minecraft.

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