

COUGAR CAMP NEWS

Country Day School of
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Camp Gets Off To a Great Start

It is so much fun to see familiar smiles and happy faces along with new friends each morning. We began our Science Adventures learning about trees and why they are so important to our environment. Not only do trees provide food and shelter for us they also provide homes to many different birds, animals, and insects. The toddler class got to use their senses to explore the trees around their room. They felt the bark to find rough and smooth places. They used their ears to listen to the leaves rustling in the wind and for any birds or animals that were hiding in the trees, and they used their eyes to look at different leaves and colors on the trees. The transitional children explored the trees in the same ways using magnify glasses to get a closer look at insects that were crawling on the bark. They also learned about the roots and how the roots pull water and nutrients from the soil up to

the leaves to make food for the tree. The primary class and K-1st graders explored all of these aspects adding the importance of trees for our oxygen supply, exploring which animals may live in the trees on our campus, and going on a walk to observe nests, holes in the trees, and even dead tree stumps for insects. High Touch High Tech came out



for a scientific visit about fossils, and we enjoyed P.E. with Stretch-n-Grow. All of the campers are having a great time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- Monday 11th: Science Adventures and Cooking
- Tues. and Thurs. 12th and 14th: Stretch-N-Grow
- Wed. 13th: Art
- Friday 15th: Breakfast with Dad, come and have a muffin or donut with your child 8:00 am
- Friday 14th: Science Adventures

JULY

- Wed. July 4th we will not have camp or extended day

Remember to wear your camp shirts on Friday's

Special points of interest:

- Our fun always continues in our extended day classes. If you need to leave your child after school please fill out the form for the days and times you need care. We also offer drop in care when needed.
- Our renovations to the campus are moving along swiftly. Thank you to those who came and planted flowers. The plants and flowers are beautiful.

Children Eat Bird Nests During Summer Camp

This week the children had a great time in cooking and art with Ms. James. In cooking, the youngest to the oldest children had fun making bird nests out of edible ingredients. Each child used Chinese noodles, butterscotch, and marshmallows to create their own version of what they think a bird nest looks like. Then they got to enjoy eating it. I heard one little girl tell her mom that it was the "best bird nest she had ever eaten." All the children showed their creative side by making beautiful butterflies to go along with our nature theme.

If you have any of these items at home please send them to camp:

Aluminum pie tins, large empty coffee cans with lid (plastic O.K.)

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Science Explorers Find Animals Living In Trees

Last weeks Science Adventures ended with the children examining bones, skulls and skins of different animals. The children were encouraged to compare the size of skulls, jaw bones and teeth and use clues to decide if the animals were carnivores or herbivores. This week we walked across the campus with our binoculars so we could feel close and yet keep a safe distance from our animal friends. We saw many interesting sights on our adventure including the fox den, a raccoons nest (complete with sleeping raccoons tail hanging out) and two herons in a tree on the K-2 playground. Of coarse there are always the usual squirrels who are not bothered by our existence at all and various birds to watch. It is so much fun to see the excitement on the children's faces when we make a discovery or have an animal sighting.

Campers learned about various differ-

ent birds this week. We learned about the beaks of birds and how they vary from bird to bird. Campers also discussed which birds eats seeds and which prefer to fish as well as the different traits that birds embody.



DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- Monday 18th: Science Adventures and Cooking
- Tues. 19th: Mr. Bob
- Tues. and Thurs. 19th and 20th: Stretch-N-Grow
- Wed. 21st : Art and High Touch High Tech
- Friday 23rd: Science Adventures

JULY

- Wed. July 4th we will not have camp or extended day

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Tasty Butterflies And Donuts with Dads

This week the children had a great time in cooking and art with Ms. James. In cooking, the youngest to the oldest children had fun making butterflies out of edible ingredients. Each child used raisins, bread, cream cheese, and baby carrots to create their own version of an edible butterfly. The butterflies were not only tasty, they were beautiful too.

Today we celebrated dads with donuts and juice. We loved having you eat breakfast with us, thank you for being such great dads!

If you have any of these items at home please send them to camp:

Aluminum pie tins, large empty coffee cans with lid (plastic O.K.)

Special points of interest:

- Joe Chappa brought several of his students to the campus to read to the children. Our children loved the stories and enjoyed meeting Mr. Chappa's students
- Our fun always continues in our extended day classes. If you need to leave your child after school please fill out the form for the days and times you need care. We also offer drop in care when needed.
- Our renovations to the campus are moving along swiftly. Thank you to those who come and water our new plants. They are beautiful.

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Doodle Bugs Captured on Bug Expedition

Camp got off to a great start this week beginning with a bug hunt. Before leaving for our adventures we talked about the body structure of various insects and the roles they play in our world. After learning that there are good insects and bad insects we all agreed that we do not like mosquitoes.



Our explorers got a new insight on the lives of bugs by

catching a few doodle bugs to sit in containers in their classes to observe. All the campers decided that while its fun to watch the bugs for a little while, it's also nice to let them go after a few days so they can return to their families.

These cute bugs are not the only exciting creature to enter our classrooms so far this summer, one parent brought a

tarantula (they named him Joe) for the kids to observe and earlier in the summer some wasps were on display through their sting-proof container.

Campers are excited to see what other creatures their adventures will lead them to!



Can you see Joe? Joe, the newest member of the K and Up group, spends most of his time hiding under a piece of wood in his habitat.

Primary On the Move

Ms. Tiffany's primary class will be moving next week to better accommodate some of the construction going on. Rather than being in the primary building they will temporarily be located in the K-2 building in the classroom next door to the kindergarten and above group. This change should last through weeks 4 and 5, but we will keep you informed.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE

- Monday 25th: Science Adventures and Cooking
- Tues. and Thurs. 26th and 28th: Stretch-N-Grow
- Wed. 27th: Art
- Friday 29th: Zooniversity

JULY

- Wed. July 4th we will not have camp or extended day
- Thursday July 26th: Camp Celebration

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Special points of interest:

- Mr. Bob came to share his excitement for reading with the kids.
- High Touch– High Tech let campers mix soap and vinegar to create volcanic eruptions.
- Reminder if you have any aluminum pie tins, large empty coffee cans with lids (plastic is okay) please send them with your camper.
- Special thanks to Mr. Pope for bringing the tarantula for campers to enjoy.

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SPIDERS FOUND LIVING AT CDSA

This week our adventures led us through the woods in search of spiders. We saw many common garden spiders spinning their webs in trees, bushes, and on our walk ways. Wolf spiders make the best moms because they carry their egg sack with them and when the spiderlings hatch all the babies crawl onto



the mom's back to be carried until they are old enough to take care of themselves. There are

only 2 spiders who are harmful to humans in Texas; the Black Widow and the Brown Recluse. Though other spiders can bite, their venom is only dangerous if you are allergic to it.

We have been able to observe Joe (our tarantula) to get an inside view of how spiders live, what they like to eat, and how they react to stimuli. He has also

given us an opportunity to view the anatomy of spiders. Ask your child how many body parts a spider has, how many legs a spider has, and how many eyes a spider has.

Zooniversity brought out many interesting creatures for us to see. We met a prairie dog, a walking stick, and a hedgehog to go along with our summer theme of animal science.



CAMPERS ARE ON THE MOVE

We are very excited to announce that renovations on the CDSA North Campus are almost complete and we will be able to move all of our campers into our new classrooms beginning Monday, July 9th. We have appreciated Summit International School for sharing their building with us for the past 5 weeks but we are really looking forward to being together again in our cul-d-sac. The toddlers and transitional children will stay in their building. The Primary children will move back to Ms. Porter's class in building 9 and the K-and up children will move into building 9 as well. Though some construction will continue through the summer, we feel confident that all steps are being taken to keep the campus safe and the children protected.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- **Tues. July 17th-High Touch High Tech**
- **Tues. July 31-High Touch High Tech**
- **Thurs. July 26th-Camp Celebration**

AUGUST

- **Fri. August 3-Zooniversity**
- **Fri. August 3-Last day of Cougar Camp**
- **August 6-10-NO EXTENDED DAY**
- **August 13-14 EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE**
- **AUGUST 15-1st DAY OF SCHOOL**

Special points of interest:

- High Touch– High Tech taught campers the amazing qualities of magnets
- Zooniversity visited with some very interesting creatures.
- Reminder if you have any aluminum pie tins, large empty coffee cans with lids (plastic is okay) please send them with your camper.
- Special thanks to Mr. Pope for bringing the tarantula for campers to enjoy.

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• LIFE IN THE CDSA POND

This week our adventures led us out to the pond. Ducks, frogs, turtles, and fish are just some of the interesting life we found sharing our campus.

The children enjoyed looking inside a turtle shell as well as exploring the pond to see all the different birds and animals



who visit on a regular basis. The younger children have enjoyed feeding the ducks, fish, and turtles while the older children have explored the micro-organisms

that keep our pond going. Mosquitoes have been a problem too but the frogs and dragonfly's are doing their best to gobble them up.

In cooking this week the children made edible ponds. They crumbled vanilla wafers to make the sand and poured green (vanilla) pudding over the wafers to make a thick pond. Gummy creatures were used to make the animals that live in and near the water. Next week we begin our two week guided tour through the oceans. We will discover ocean life from the floor up.



IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK

The Primary class and the K-up class have made the journey back to our cul-d-sac on the North end of the campus. We are happy to be settled into our own classes close to the pond and ducks. We appreciate Summit International School allowing us to use their building while we completed renovations on our end of the campus, but it is nice to be home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- MONDAY July 15th: Science Adventures and Cooking
- Tuesday July 16th: Stretch N Grow and High Touch High Tech
- Wed. July 18th: Art
- Thursday July 19th: Stretch N Grow
- Friday July 20th: Science Adventures
- **Thursday July 26th: Camp Celebration**

AUGUST

- Friday August 3rd: Last Day of Camp
- **Monday August 6th- Friday August 10th: No Extended Day**

Special points of interest:

- In Art the children painted with "worms" using edible paint.
- The K-up children found earth worms during one of their morning walks.
- Joe (our tarantula) has been released to his native habitat to teach the children respect for all of our creatures. We enjoyed observing him for the last few weeks.

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A SEA OF LIFE

We are learning that ocean's are full of life. We have always known that there are fish in the sea, but did you know that mammals and other creatures can be found lurking in the ocean's? There are many life forms for the children to study and fascinating facts to learn. For instance, whales are the largest mam-



mals on Earth and yet they eat tiny micro-organisms called plankton. How do they get full?

Other facts the children are learning include tidal movements, animals that live in tide pools, where the sand in the ocean comes from and what shells really

are. Oceans are so fascinating and we are all having a great time discovering all the creatures of the deep blue seas.



DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- **Tues. July 31-High Touch High Tech**
- **Thurs. July 26th-Camp Celebration**

AUGUST

- **Fri. August 3-Zooniversity**
- **Fri. August 3-Last day of Cougar Camp**
- **August 6-10-NO EXTENDED DAY**
- **August 13-14 EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE**
- **AUGUST 15-1st DAY OF SCHOOL**

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CAMP CELEBRATION

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and school will be starting soon. Camp has been a lot of fun and we want to celebrate all of our adventures with your child. On Thursday July 26th we will have a celebration during lunch for all of the children who have come to camp this summer. We will have pizza, drinks, and popsicles for everyone who can attend. Our celebration will be from 11:30-12:30. If you know a camper who is not participating during this week please be sure and spread the word to come to our celebration! Thank you for sharing your children with us this summer. We hope they have learned some interesting science facts and had as much fun as we did! Remember we will not have camp or extended day from Monday August 6th through Friday August 10th. We will have extended day the 13th and 14th and the first day of school is August 15th. See you there!!

Special points of interest:

- High Touch- High Tech brought out gem stones for the children to pan for. The most fun was when they learned they could keep all the stones they found!

F.Y.I.

As construction on campus continues please remember CDSA teachers, staff, and families are not to use the Center St. entrance. Please use Andrews St.

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Snakes, Lizards, Turtles, and Crocodiles

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- **August 6-10- NO EXTENDED DAY**
- **August 13-14 EXTENDED DAY AVAILABLE**
- **AUGUST 15-1st DAY OF SCHOOL** hope to see you there!

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This has been an exciting week. High Touch High Tech brought out some great fossils for the children to observe and feel including gigantic claws and teeth from a Tyrannosaurus Rex Dinosaur. The children enjoyed learning about fossils and even had the experience of making their own fossil imprints. In addition to High Touch High Tech we had another visit from

All of the children were very excited to get to see and touch the reptiles as they learned about each creature's habitat, eating habits, and life style. Did you know that alligators live in Texas and



we are famous for having a lot of Rattlesnakes? Ask your child which reptile is their favorite. I think I like lizards best.



Zooniversity. On this visit they brought snakes, lizards and other reptiles for the children to see up close and feel.



Summer Is Coming To An End

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and it will soon be time for school to start. I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed summer camp as much we did. From Animal Homes to Texas Reptiles it has been great fun to explore the campus for animals, insects, and shells. We observed many animal homes, found a lot of insects and spiders, dug for shells (and found some shell fossils), and visited with reptiles thanks to Zooniversity. Thank you for sharing your children with us this summer. I hope they had fun while learning about animal science. We had fun having them with us and we are already looking forward to next summer.

As a reminder: we will not have camp or Extended Day the week of August 6th-10th. You need to register for extended day for August 13th & 14th by August 8th.