



Flower Power Dominates Camp

It was a great week in summer camp! We studied wildflowers in many different ways. It was memorable, educational and fun! The following is just a sample of the experiences we had in the primary and Kindergarten classes.

Parts of a flower.

We dissected live flowers; petals, stem, roots and all. We looked at all of the parts, and although messy, we had a blast!

Using only shapes as flowers parts, we made a sunflower out of construction paper. The kids then named each part, its shape and counted how many shapes per part.



The root system.

Up goes the water: The Great Celery Experiment. We learned how water performs its gravity-defying act of moving upward from the roots to the leaves of a plant. We set projections as to what we thought would happen. Then we observed as the leaves turned the color of the colored water.

We used straws and paper cups to demonstrate the children are the plants and the straws are the roots.

Van Gogh: A Celebration of Sunflowers!

We discussed ways to express ourselves (through dance, music and paint) and some basic information on Van Gogh.

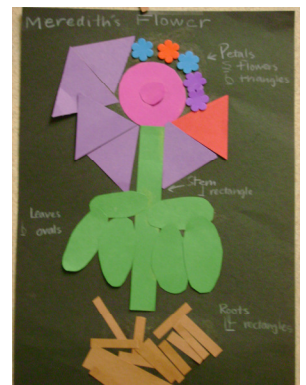
The children observed Van Gogh's sunflower paintings. They were then provided large pieces of paper, yellow paints in different shades, greens and other colors, brushes, sponges and were allowed to do free style painting to make their own sunflowers.

The children visited an Online Gallery to View Van Gogh's Sunflowers and Meet Mr. Van Gogh. They learned how to click on a few of the thumbnail pictures to view a larger image.




The Legend of the Bluebonnet. This story is about a Comanche girl who has lost her entire family to famine. She has to decide whether to sacrifice her most valued possession to save her people. She-Who-Is-Alone throws her beloved doll into the fire as a sacrifice to save her people.

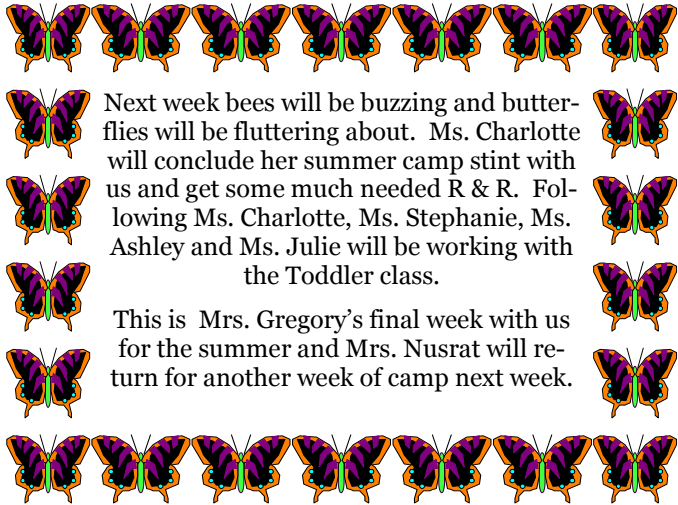
After reading The Legend of the Bluebonnet, we reviewed what a legend is. We then participated in activities in which they have to problem solve, evaluate, make choices, and give opinions while writing a legend of our own. The children shared what prized possession they would give up (i.e., favorite clothing, a toy, etc). They were then encouraged to make a name for themselves to describe a characteristic of themselves or something that they do well. For example, He-Who-Likes-to-Paint for someone who enjoys painting. The children decided what flower would come from giving up their prized possession.



To top the week off, we went on a hike and observed the wildflowers around us!

CALENDAR

Monday 6/29	Tuesday 6/30	Wednesday 07/01	Thursday 07/02	Friday 07/03
Butterflies & Bees High Touch-High Tech visits	Stretch N' Grow	Spanish (Transitional & Primary campers)	Stretch N' Grow	Camp closed 



Next week bees will be buzzing and butterflies will be fluttering about. Ms. Charlotte will conclude her summer camp stint with us and get some much needed R & R. Following Ms. Charlotte, Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Ashley and Ms. Julie will be working with the Toddler class.

This is Mrs. Gregory's final week with us for the summer and Mrs. Nusrat will return for another week of camp next week.



Mr. Bob from the Arlington Public Library visited camp earlier this week.

Bad Air = No Outside Play

Summer has arrived with a vengeance! On days when the air is bad and ozone levels are high, we are notified by The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). On those days, campers will not go outside, especially during Extended Day.



Everyone at CDSA wants to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all our new campers and their families joining us this summer. If you have questions about our camp or school, please do not hesitate to stop by the office or call Joyce, Julie, Sallie or Alison @ 817-275-0851.

Many of our activities are done in the cool of the morning....please bring your children to camp on time so they do not miss. Not all camp projects can be made up, however, we have most projects available all week for those students that come on different days.

Friday
is camp
shirt day!

All sizes available
for
purchase
\$10 each

Splash Day Was Awesome!!

