



# CAMP CHATTER

June 5, 2009



The children had a great first week of Camp J. They enjoyed all of the new room decorations hanging on the walls and from the ceilings. We welcomed many new infants while some toddlers “moved up” and got adjusted to their new classrooms. Our preschoolers welcomed new friends and all had fun exploring the new room arrangements and meeting our new summer staff. New this year, each camp/age group has developed their own theme. We hope you have time to check your camper’s daily notes as well as their room’s lesson plans and monthly calendar to discover all their fun activities.

## SUMMER TIDBITS...

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** Thanks to all of the families who supported the program by shopping at the Book Fair. Based on the total amount of our sales, we were able to choose over \$1000.00 of new books for the program. This allowed the teachers to get many of the books that they had placed on their wish lists.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** Everyone enjoyed a last day of school breakfast donated by the Gallick family. We had delicious bagels, cream cheese, sweets and a variety of juices. Thanks so much, Aaron and Jaime.

**CAMP T-SHIRTS** will be distributed soon. We would love to see all of our campers wearing their shirts on Fridays for Shabbat.

**DIVE AND DINE** Join us on June 13<sup>th</sup> for our ever-popular Dive and Dine evening by the pool from 6:30-9:00 p.m. There will be dinner and a movie that starts at 7:45 and swimming. The cost is \$15 per family for members and \$20 per family for non-members. This is a great way to stay cool on those hot summer nights!

**SWIMMING** lessons began this week and the children were so excited about getting in the pools again. Thanks so much to all of the parents who assisted with their children’s swim classes. Your help is greatly appreciated by all of us.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SPECIALISTS (THEME: SUMMER BEACH FUN)

**COOKING WITH TEENA** Summer has arrived and we’re off to the beach! This week we are visiting the beaches of California for surfing, boogie boarding, swimming and eating. The California wrap, made with tortillas, veggie cream cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, avocados and topped with raspberry vinaigrette was the perfect meal to eat after a day in the sun. As the Beach Boys sing “We’ll have fun, fun, fun!”



**MUSIC WITH JULIE** What a better way to take advantage of our specialist’s theme “Summer Beach Fun” by learning the music of The Beach Boys! We listened to and pretended to “Surfin’ USA” and learned the song “Kokomo.” Our beach vacation carried on with the book “Curious George Goes to the Beach.” We even heard the waves with Julie’s ocean drum and got to make our own waves when she passed the drum around to each child. Cowabunga!

**DRAMA WITH JULIE** We began our drama specialty by explaining to the children that drama is pretending, just like we do while we play in various centers in our classroom. We quickly warmed up our faces by showing sad, happy, angry and silly feelings. We then read the book “Safety in the Water.” Once the children learned the “pool rules” each child grabbed a buddy and pretended to play in the water. Julie was the lifeguard with a whistle blowing each time she saw a water safety violation. Finally, we read the book “I Can Swim,” and after we read it, we pretended to have a swim lesson. We pretended to kick our feet, blow bubbles, blow a ball across the pool and kick with a kickboard. We all feel ready for camp, ready to swim and ready for drama!

**ART WITH ELYSIA** This week we had a lot of fun during our 1<sup>st</sup> art class. Elysia talked to us about the continent of Asia. We also talked about watercolors and mixing different colors together. After experimenting with the watercolors the children painted on a paper lantern for their classrooms. When all of the colors came together it made the lanterns look beautiful.