



Kol Ami Kids

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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Kol Ami's summer camp program is underway!

Our first week got off to an exciting start with a visit from the petting zoo. The children were enthralled by the fact that the zoo was on "our front lawn" and were so excited that they were allowed to pet the animals. It was a great morning! The hot weather has allowed us to take great advantage of our wading pool and sprinklers. We also enjoyed sign language with Michelle and look forward to yoga, pony rides, Israelie dance, pajama day and our exciting camp carnival.

Please remember to label everything that is brought to camp.

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before leaving home in the morning

** Important reminder: All deposits for the 2010-2011 school year must be in to the main office by July 15th to make sure your child has secured a spot.

Sheri Cutler, Center Director

Firework Safety



**Make your
July 4th safe**



According to PREVENT BLINDNESS AMERICA, nearly 13,000 fireworks victims keep hospitals busy every year. More than half of those injured are children. Fireworks not only injure users, but also 40 percent of fireworks mishaps injure bystanders.

One of the reasons fireworks injuries continue to occur is because people just don't consider how dangerous these devices can be. People often don't realize - until they are injured - that the risk of blindness or injury outweighs the excitement of taking risks with fireworks. And giving fireworks to young children can mean a trip to the hospital emergency room.



Weekly Themes

Here are some themes we will be exploring during the camp season.

Two and Three Class

Shapes, Shapes, Shapes
Home on the Range
All about America
Family and Friends

Four and Five Class

Pirate Fun
At the Beach
Magic
Sports
Making a Difference
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

SUMMER FUN COOKING PROJECTS

Popsicles

Pineapple, grape or cranapple juice
Popsicle sticks

Small paper cups

If frozen juice is used, mix according to the directions on the can. Fill the paper cups 3/4 full of juice. Place the cups in the freezer. When the juice begins to freeze, insert a popsicle stick in the middle of each cup. When frozen, peel the cup away and serve.

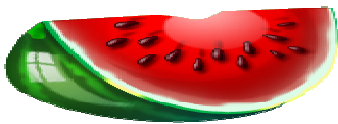


Watermelon Popsicles

Remove the seeds and rind from watermelon.

Puree the melon in a blender.

Follow the recipe for popsicles.



Zippy Drink

2 ripe bananas, 2 cups orange juice,
2 cups orange sherbet, Ice cubes

Orange slices

Peel the bananas, place in a bowl and mash with a fork. Add orange juice and sherbet and beat with a rotary beater until smooth. Pour into pitcher. Add ice cubes and orange slices.



SUMMER TIME ARTS & CRAFTS

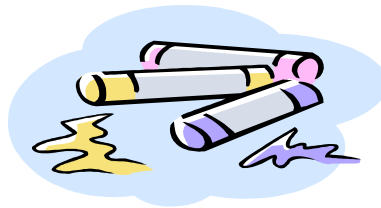
Outdoor Painting

An easel can be placed outside. The children can choose to use the easel during outdoor playtime. If the sun is shining, encourage the children to observe how quickly the paint dries.



Chalk Drawings

Large pieces of chalk should be provided for the children to draw on the sidewalks outdoors. Small plastic berry baskets make handy chalk containers.



Foot Painting

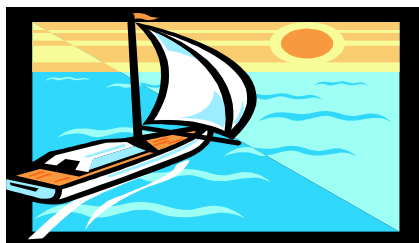
This may be used as an outdoor activity. The children can dip their feet in a thick tempera paint mixture and make prints by stepping on large sheets of paper. Sponges and pans of soapy water should be available for cleanup.

Shake Painting

Tape a large piece of butcher paper on a fence or wall outdoors. Let the children dip their brushes in paint and stand 2 feet from the paper. Then show them how to shake the brush, allowing the paint to fly onto the paper.

Sailboats

Color Styrofoam meat trays with markers. Stick a pipe cleaner in the center of the tray and secure by bending the end underneath the carton. Prepare a sail and glue to the pipe cleaner.



How to Survive Long Car Trips With Kids



Car trips are perhaps the quintessential family vacation. Here are some tips to make them enjoyable.

- Allow enough time for rest stops. Two hours of car time, then a break makes a good pattern.
- Pack a special backpack or bag for each child, with crayons, books, toys, activity sets, stickers and handheld games.
- Pack some new wrapped surprises for little kids. But don't give out all the loot at once!
- Play a story for the whole family or bring individual CD players for each child.
- Play pint-sized board-games. Candy Land, Sorry, Trouble...are oldies but goodies.
- Every school and most parks have playgrounds. Little limbs need to shake, rattle, and roll.
- Buy the fixins' for a picnic. Find somewhere scenic where the kids can run around. You save money, too.
- It's worth bringing a training potty if your child has "need-to-go-NOW" emergencies.
- Rush is a four-letter word when you travel with kids!
- A tray or a "travel desk" suspended from the back of the front seat is handy for any back seat activity.
- Pack LOTS of snacks such as fruit, crackers, juice packs, treats. Bring plastic cups; band aids, a dishtowel; Frisbee and ball for rest-stops; and baby wipes no matter how old your kids are.