

# Summit Private School Newsletter

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Learning to swim.

## What a Great Start to the Summer Camp at Summit!

We have had the blessing of so many new faces on campus this first session of camp. The toddlers have settled into the routine and have shown such enthusiasm in swimming, exploring the classroom and playing on the playground. It always amazes us how quickly friendships are made at such a young age. As little Sophia was being walked to her car she turned and said, "Good bye Hudson." They only met 2 1/2 weeks ago!

These types of friendships are being created all over campus. Some campers return each summer and get reunited with old friends, while others are here for the first time and are already asking for play dates with their new friends. We have had a lot of friends and relatives come to camp together and it has been fun seeing them sharing their camp experience. Fun, friends and family is what summer is all about!

Our Elementary campers had a blast on their field trip to the Beach. Taun Masterson first taught the children about how to care for the beach, ocean and sea animals and then hit the waves as they received instructions on how to surf. There was some serious surfing going on!

The pre-primary students have enjoyed the classroom activities, swimming, afternoon specials and theme work. It's so wonderful to see the children getting more comfortable in the water, enjoying new friends and exploring the lessons and art projects in the classrooms. Tae Kwon Do has been a big hit as well as other specials- Music, Karate, Yoga & Gymnastics.

We are so grateful to you, our camp families, for sharing your children with us. You can tell they are so loved, by the love and kindness they share with others at camp and by the joy that shows on their faces as they see you in the carline or walking toward them in after care.

At Summit we take pride in expanding upon that love & respect our students receive at home and nurturing the inner drive in each child to learn, grow and succeed. If this is your last week of camp, we thank you for being with us and we wish you a wonderful rest of your summer. For those continuing on with us this summer and into the fall, we have so many exciting days ahead and we look forward to sharing them with you.

Gratefully yours,

*Drs. John & Susan Mike*

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ 6/29: Summer Camp Session II begins
- ◆ 7/3: Camp Closed- Independence Day Holiday
- ◆ 7/17: Last Day Summer Camp Session II
- ◆ 7/20: First Day Summer Camp Session III

### Used Ink Cartridges and Box tops

This is a reminder that we are still collecting Box tops and Used Ink Cartridges. Please keep collecting these items over the summer and bring them to school in August. Every bit counts!  
Thanks,  
*Andrea Cole*  
Parent-Teacher Association

### Ms. April and Ms. Melissa

Our toddler class is enjoying the first session of Summer Camp. We are having a great time going to swimming lessons, enjoying the sprinkler on the sports court on Fridays (with popsicles) and learning about under the sea creatures. We have been reading books about fish and under the sea life. If anyone has books they would like to share with the class please bring them in. It is very exciting to see how much the toddlers improve each day at the pool. A special thanks to the swim instructors. Hope all of our dads had a great Father's Day. *Ms. April and Ms. Melissa*

### Ms. Norma and Ms. Irene

Welcome to all our new toddler campers! Everyone here is having a great summer. Swim classes are very fun and every Friday we enjoy ourselves on the sports court which is our "Water-Sprinkler Day", after which we have popsicle treats. Our goal this summer is to learn how to socialize with our new friends, work with lessons, learn to set our area for lunch, as well as learning to get dressed and putting away our lessons.



### Ms. Crystal and Ms. Giulia

Welcome Campers! What fun we have been having. Our days have been filled with easel painting, collage art, nature walks, sprinklers and popsicle parties! Week 1 we explored new friendships, we made self portraits and shared them with friends. Week 2 we studied life cycles of the plant, insect, frog, earthworm and human. The children planted their own bean plants, observed aquatic frogs and created human pictorial lifecycle. Week 3 the fun kept rolling with the exploration of the earth and environment. We made nature boxes, tree stencils and created recycled art work. Session 2 will be even more fun as we get ready for independence day, fairy tales and families. We hope to see you here!



### Toddlers



Noah all ready for the sun!



Toddlers learning how to swim.

### Pre-Primary



Ms. Deirdre's class doing Yoga.



Ms. Crystal's class at Tae Kwon Do.

## Ms. Deirdre and Ms. Stephanie

We have had a great first session with our summer campers. We have been busy studying all about ourselves, life cycles and our earth's environment. Our mornings are busy with swimming, working in the classroom and making new friends. Our afternoons keep us busy with enrichments that include music, yoga, karate, Tae Kwon Do, gymnastics and arts and crafts. We are having a lot of fun and we have made a lot of new friends. We are sure to have another fun filled session. *Ms. Deirdre and Ms. Stephanie*



## Elementary Explore students Learning and Performing



## Music and Drama Ms. Xiomara

We have had a great first summer camp session here at Summit Private School. In the music department, the Elementary Explore campers were able to choose anywhere from one to three instruments and have learned the basics about how to properly hold and play these instruments. Those continuing on in sessions two and three will continue to develop their skills on each instrument and be able to give a small performance at the end of session three. Special thanks to Charlie over at Chafin Musicenter, located in Lakeworth, for helping us with the musical instruments. The pre-primary General Music classes have been exploring beats in music, by playing rhythm sticks, steel drums and the xylophone. They've also learned a few songs. In the drama department, the Elementary Explorers have been introduced to the beginnings of drama and are exploring their speaking and acting skills with skits from a play titled "Dandelion" created and performed by the New York "Paper Bag Players". Special thanks to Jennifer Low who introduced the plays to me.

*Ms. Xiomara*



Ms. Megan and Ms. Noreen working in Ms. Megan's office.

## In Action!

## Mr. Sesame and Ms. Jennifer

### Elementary Explorers



Mr. Sesame and Ms. Jennifer's class doing some Tae Kwon Do moves.

This session has been all about water, water and water. The explorers have witnessed the many different things water can do - like erosion, how river valleys and canyons are formed, and how the Earth and its inhabitants need water. We even learned that if you took all of the salt out of the oceans, it would cover all the land on Earth and stand 5 feet tall!

We've enjoyed beading, decorating surf boards, making sea star necklaces, painting pots and planting herbs in them and creating our own journals. Ms. Xiomara is giving the Explorers lessons on the violin, drums, and recorder. We are also creating our own skirts and the props needed for them. On Fridays we become chefs. We have created Cup O' Fish, Yogurt Parfaits, and Smoothies.

Ms. Ann from HighTouch, HighTech taught us all about the ocean and how to build a sustainable community. The explorers built villages and then experienced the changes when a hurricane occurred. We even got to build our own coral reefs. Our field trip this session was to Red Reef Park. We spent 5 hours (with a small break for lunch) playing in the ocean. Mr. Taun taught us all about protecting the ocean (don't use plastic) and how to surf. The surfing lessons were the highlight of the trip as most of the Explorers tried surfing or body boarding numerous time. Many of the girls enjoyed finding shells as many of them were red, something you don't find at every beach.

When asked what they like about summer camp, this is what a few Explorers said:

"Helping Mr. Sesame." - Jacob G.

"Computer time." - Collin E. and Emma R.

"It's always fun." - Madison R.

"The crafts." - Ethan R.

"It's the only camp for me!" - Finn S.

During Session 2, we will be learning about the local Native American cultures, animal habitats and the Earth. We will be creating birdfeeders from recycled materials, rock animals, water bottle holders and banks. As chefs, we will make granola bars, fry bread, and no-bake cookies. We hope you will join us for Session 2!

— Ms. Jennifer and Mr. Sesame.

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