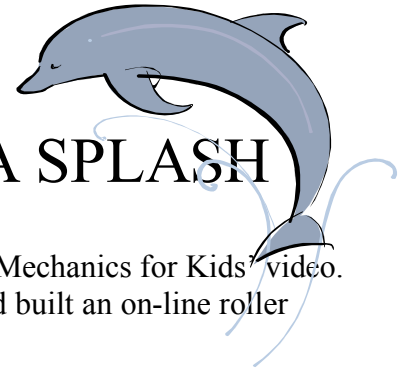


HEI Summer 2009

June 18, 2009
Session 1, Week 1



SUMMER 2009 BEGINS WITH A SPLASH

Thrills and Chills with Mrs. Ring

Students had an introduction to roller coasters through an awesome 'Popular Mechanics for Kids' video. They also did an internet activity where the students researched the basics and built an on-line roller coaster.

Producers with Mr. Matuch, Ms. Stahl, and Mrs. Ring

The Producer students are hard at work at the development stage of production. They are working individually and in small groups brainstorming story and animation ideas.

Dance Encounter with Mrs. Silver

All of the students have been introduced to some basic dance moves and terminology. Students have begun combining different movements together into combinations. They have also begun learning the choreography to our dance routines that will be performed on the last day of class. But most of all, we have been having FUN!!!

Circus Circus with Mr. Carlsen

Students are working on motor skills, teamwork, and elements of throwing and catching.

Science Edge with Mr. Carlsen

The students are working on understanding and remembering how to jump higher and run faster. The students are doing this through team building activities.

Twisted Minds with Mrs. Stahl

This week students learned all about patterns and tangrams. We made beautiful designs on the computer and completed several tangram puzzles on paper as well as on the computers.

SOAR with Mr. Cameron and Ms. Sheldon

We are excited to have thirty 5th-8th grade students in our volleyball program. This week's activities included fitness training, underhand passing, setting, serving, and lead-up activities. Everyone is looking forward to 'game play' next week!

Penny Toss with Ms. Neville

The students made piggy banks and practiced counting pennies. They had a great first week!

Glitter with Ms. Neville

We read and compared different versions of The Three Little Pigs. We discussed different literary elements. Today we will visit the book mobile and begin making pig puppets.



Math Whiz/Sparkle with Ms. Melcer

This week the students began each day with a thinking skill that will go into the Math Whiz/Sparkle journal. The students played games that centered around vocabulary, reading, and math. They played various card games that involved mathematical skills.

Critters and Creatures with Ms. Melcer

The students learned a fact a day about an animal and habitats. We visited Hawthorn Middle South's outdoor environment and will be creating rock art from rocks that we found. The students also had art instruction on how to draw one of our favorite domestic animals... the dog!

Starlight with Ms. Melcer

The students had fun with writing races and math activities. We created our own story about bears and dinosaurs in our "Storyball" game.

HEI Band and Orchestra with Mr. O'Connor and Mrs. Kocal

We had a great first week! The students are having tons of fun and learning about music. In orchestra, students spent the first week on music fundamentals, focusing on scales, rhythms, and music theory. In band, students learned the "Blues" scale and worked on skills like articulation.

Discover and Explore with Ms. Humboldt

We created an underwater environment in our classroom by drawing and painting fish that we hung among streamers. We read books on underwater life, coral reefs, squids, sea horses, and great white sharks. The students learned how these animals adapt to their environments. The students examined fossils, rocks, and shells using magnifying glasses and drew what they saw. We used prisms and lasers to refract light and create rainbows. We examined moths and butterflies and drew and displayed them in the classroom! Please send a shirt or smock for your child to wear next week when we use paper mache to make volcanoes. We could also use baby food jars as well as empty shoe boxes for future projects! Thank you!

Explorers Art with Mrs. Galantha

The students made a fish skeleton out of glue. When it dried they made a crayon rubbing. The class is now in the process of making a tissue paper jungle.

Creatures and Critters Art with Mrs. Galantha

The students have learned how to make a dog using shapes!

Inventors Workshop with Mrs. Blair, Mrs Kathan, and Ms. Adachi

Our inventors got right to work this week learning about some famous inventors. Students went on an "invention hunt," kept ideas in their inventor journals, and made tool boxes to keep their tools and creations in. They used recycled materials to design balancing robots. They also worked as teams in a "think tank" to brainstorm solutions to everyday problems.

