

Planet Protectors Friday Notes 20 July, 2018



Week 3 of our summer program continued our tradition of a relaxed and fun, but still academically challenging, learning environment. Our upper level math groups have been working on basic algebra concepts, and data analysis including statistics, charting, and graphing. Ms. Sharon's Language Arts class has been putting the final touches on their sea life reports, while in Ms. Fran's LA class, they have been using the card pyramid to write a paragraph about their very favorite place! Our younger students have been tapping and spelling multisyllabic words, spelling words on syllable white boards, and reading stories about interesting animals.

Science class this week involved creating model oil spills and evaluating the suitability of various materials to contain and/ or remove the oil. If you ask your child what a "boom" is, they may be able to tell you it is a sort of floating fence around an oil slick, and not just a loud noise! The oldest students also tried their hand at following written directions independently to build a model rocket, and then we invited the youngest students to come watch the launch! That was a late week highlight!



In the afternoon session, We were heavy on the "Science and Art" parts of the STEAM acronym, as we made phase changes in melted crayon art, discussed the difference in liquid and gas compressibility using water rockets, and discussed solvents during our permanent marker tie dye study. We also used tools to take apart some stuff we broke and figure out how to fix it ourselves.

Next week will be our final week of Planet Protectors 2018. As a last day celebration, in honor of our summer theme of clean water and shorelines, we will be making a beach and ocean themed snack. This will include Pillsbury Funfetti Cake and Icing, Swedish Fish candy, and Nabisco Nilla Wafer cookies. *If any of those ingredients are a problem for your child, please email me and let me know which items are not acceptable for your child.* If we can omit the one ingredient and still have your child enjoy the rest, we will do so. Otherwise, please plan to send in an alternative treat on Friday for your child to eat, but they can still have the cupcake decorating fun part of the activity.

Have a wonderful weekend, and we will see you on Monday!

-Lorraine