

Themes and Activities, Summer 2024

All activities are age-appropriate. Play School and Little Friends do not travel off campus, but will participate in campus “field trips” to the science lab, gym, gardens, etc., and enjoy all of our special visitors. Any activities that include food will feature ingredients that are appropriate for all of the campers in the group, including those with allergies, or who are vegan and gluten-free.

1 - June 10th - All Around Our Town!

Rising First through Rising Sixth grade campers will explore the well-known places in West Chester, and the secret and special nooks and crannies, too!

There are civic and historic spaces, restaurants and museums, where we'll create art, write stories, enjoy tours and greet special visitors!

Play School and Little Friends campers will enjoy a week of All Kinds of Art, All around Campus! We'll paint and sculpt and make collages and lots more!

2 - June 17th (four days, no Wednesday) - Down on the Farm

Pie-making, planting, a big picnic on the lawn...with a visit from the farm animals and the bee guy, and some square dancing, too!

3 - June 24th - The Book and the Cook

Take some fun children's literature featuring food, match it with some kitchen time preparing that food, add in a restaurant visit, a visiting chef to read and cook with us...so much fun!

4 - July 1st (three days, no Thursday or Friday) - Parks and Recreation

There are so many fun “pocket parks” in the borough, and we're going to visit a few this week, including the splash features at John O. Green Memorial park! We'll also tie-dye, make popsicles and enjoy other summertime fun! Play School and Little Friends campers will spend lots of time on the swings, in the sandbox and on the climbers!

5 - July 8th - Science on Campus: From the Great Lawn to the Lab!

Students will participate in lots of age-appropriate experiments and observations on our beautiful campus, including on our great, big lawn, with the sundial and our beautiful variety of trees, and also in our newly-renovated science lab!

6 - July 15th - The Extra-Great British-ish Bake Off!

We'll decorate our aprons and toques, bake every day, plant herbs to take home for future baking, visit our town's bakeries, and learn to set the table properly for our end-of-the-week fun and funny Tasteful Taste-Off Tea, where there's a winning category for everyone!

7 - July 22nd - Halloween in July

Campers will make masks, learn a trick or two from a visiting magician, focus on bats in science, enjoy (!) a not-that-spooky tour of the meetinghouse basement, have a tricky scavenger hunt, and make some crafty (not candy) treats! At the end of the week, we'll wear our costumes and trick-or-treat at Treat Stations across campus! .

8 - July 29th - *Benvenuti Amici!* Welcome, Friend, to our "Trip" to Italy

Of course, we're making (and eating!) pasta ("regular" and gluten-free!), learning about and painting like da Vinci, crafting pottery in the blue-and-white Bitosi style, playing the games Italian *bambini* play, and even having some fun with the science of spaghetti.

9 - August 5th - August in Antarctica

After a week in sunny Italy, we are headed straight for the iciest place ever! We'll take a field trip to an icy spot, enjoy lots of icy science, make ice cream (of course!) and our own snow, and have fun with lots of icy crafts! In the hottest part of the summer, we'll be super cool!

10 - August 12th - The Annual WCFS Olympics

A WCFS tradition! Campers will have mixed-age teams representing countries around the world, international games and snacks, opening and closing ceremonies, a walking trip (age appropriate) to the Henderson tracks, and creating team tees and medals



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