Summer ***Sun***sation Camp Guide

Young Child Camp (2 - 3 year olds)

Teachers: Tracey Hall, Amy Daniel, and Kristen Canfield

Any student who has previously been enrolled in our Young Child school year program is eligible to attend these camps as well as new students to our school who are 2 to 3 years old. The camp hours are **8:30 to 11:30**. All camps provide a nutritional morning snack. *Extra care hours are available*. Please see "Before Camp", "Add on Camp," and "After Camp" options included in this packet.

Throughout all six of the two-week sessions, children will explore many new and exciting works as well as having the opportunity to use traditional Montessori materials. All activities and materials are designed to develop gross and fine motor skills, coordination, concentration, and independence.

Each session will also focus on a topic of interest in addition to the learning opportunities listed above. These topics are as follows:

Session 1:	May 31 - June 10	Seeds, Plants and Worms
Session 2:	June 13 - June 24	Baby Animals
Session 3:	June 27 - July 8*	Things that Go
Session 4:	July 11 - July 22	Oceans
Session 5:	July 25 - Aug. 5	Bugs
Session 6:	Aug. 8 - Aug. 19	Harvesting Food and Flowers

Please note that RPMS will be closed Monday July 4th.

Children's House Camp (3 - 5 year olds)

Any student who has previously been enrolled in our Children's House school year program is eligible to attend these camps as well as new students to our school who are 3 to 5 years old. New students must be independent in their toileting needs. The camp hours are **8:30 to 11:30**. All camps provide a nutritional morning snack. *Extra care hours are available*. Please see "Before Camp", "Add on Camp", and "After Camp" options included in this packet.

Each of the six two-week sessions of our Children's House Camp is filled with educational activities that invite children to explore, create and learn.

Session 1: May 31 - June 10 **The Beach**

The beach is an amazing place! As we take a closer look at a beach there is an amazing world to see. Learn where shells come from, what tide pools are, and what animals and insects live there. Going to the beach will never be the same! Teacher: Marian Schneider

Session 2: June 13 - June 24 **Reading Adventures**

Summer is a great time to sit in a shady spot and enjoy reading a good book. That is exactly what we plan to do when we explore many fun stories written by authors Eric Carl, Jean and Laurent deBrunhoff. As we enjoy these entertaining stories we will develop our own creativity by making colorful murals and art projects along the way! Teacher: Ellen Diaz

Session 3: * June 27 - July 8 **Insects in My Backyard**

Come join us as we explore insects in our own backyard right here at Rock Prairie Montessori School. We will search and study insects that live in the grass, bushes, trees, and soil. As we explore we will discover the interesting world of insects from life cycles to what they eat. Teacher: Marian Schneider

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Session 4: July 11 - July 22 **I Love My Pet**

Join us as we learn the responsibilities needed to take care of a family pet. From guppies to greyhounds, each pet needs specific care. We will learn about proper training, feeding, vet care, and providing the correct habitat plus so much more! Teacher: Marian Schneider

Session 5: July 25 - August 5 **Dinosaurs**

Let's travel this summer to a time long ago when dinosaurs roamed planet Earth. We will find out what they might have looked like, what they ate for dinner, and who were their friends and enemies. Guaranteed to be a gigantic prehistoric adventure! Teacher: Marian Schneider

Session 6: August 8 - August 19 **Wisconsin Wildlife**

Come join the fun as we take a look at the animals that call Wisconsin their home. We will see how an animal's habitat enables them to thrive and what we can do to make sure they are here to stay! Teacher: Marian Schneider

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Young Child & Children's House options for Additional Care

Before Camp: Time: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Available to all campers in Young Child, and Children's House. See Guaranteed Care Application for cost information.

Add on Camp: Time: 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
If attending one of our Young Child, or Children's House morning camps and extra care is needed after the morning session, consider our Add on Camp option. Campers will enjoy lunch more time working in the classroom, art, nap-time and summer time activities during this add on camp. Children bring their own lunch. An afternoon snack is included. See Guaranteed Care Application for cost information.

After Camp: Time: 3:30 - 4:00; 4:30; 5:00; 5:30 p.m.
Available to all Young Child and Children's House Campers if attending Add on Camp. Any additional care time after our camp day can be requested in ½ hour increments. See Guaranteed Care Application for cost information.

Elementary Camp (6 - 9 year olds)

Any student who has been previously in enrolled in our Extended Day program (and will be in First grade in the fall), as well as any elementary age student who attended class in **1st through 3rd grade** at any school is eligible to attend these camps. The camp hours are **8:30 to 11:30**. All camps provide a nutritional morning snack. *Extra care hours are available*. Please see "Before Camp", "Add on Camp," and "After Camp" options included in this packet.

We are thrilled to be providing 12 exciting camp sessions that provide a variety of interesting subjects to explore throughout the summer. Great themes, interesting activities and just plain fun await your child!

Session 1A: May 31 - June 3 **Let's Camp**

We will celebrate the outdoors by going across the street to Camp Rotamer to use the beautiful facilities. We will play all types of out-door games, perform some service duties to the camp, discover the natural botany and trees, plus start our summer off right by embracing nature and fun. Teacher: Martha Carver

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Session 1B: June 6 - June 10 **Space**

***Space**... the final frontier; these are the voyages of our Summer Sunsation campers!* There are planets and moons, stars and asteroids, astronauts and space travel...So much to explore! Let's start a space adventure together and see where in the universe we can go! Teacher: Monica Faist

Session 2A: June 13 - June 17 **Trees Trees Trees**

Mr. Floto, a lifelong teacher and forester, thinks that TREES, not dogs, are man's best friend. Learn all about the trees that help us every day, and need our love and care in return. There will be things to make and fun new things to do each day, so don't miss TREE WEEK! Teacher: Loren Floto

Session 2B: June 20 - June 24 **The Way Things Work**.

Simple machines are all around us. We use them everyday to make our lives easier. Join us this week to learn about simple machines, experiment with them and even build some simple machines of our own! Teacher: Monica Faist

Session 3A: June 27 – July 1 **Native American Dwellings and Legends**

Join us for a close look at different types of Native American homes, from the Algonquian's wigwam structures, to the adobe homes of the Pueblo Indians, to the tepees of the Plains Indians and up to the igloos of the Inuit. We'll try our hand at building some of these unique structures and partake in fun activities related to spirited Native American legends. Teacher: Ellen Diaz

Session 3B: July 5 – July 8 **Independence Day Celebrations Around the World**

Let's celebrate and wave our flag as we observe not only our own July 4th liberty, but travel around the world and learn how other nations such as India, Brazil, and Mexico celebrate their own independence. We'll make some typical crafts from these countries and find out about their festivities, such as the music, parades, speeches, dances, and food that make their cultures unique! Teacher: Ellen Diaz

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Session 4A: July 11 - July 15 **Magic Tree House Adventures**

More adventures await us as the RPMS "Magic Treehouse" is scheduled to return this summer with all new adventures and places to explore. Come tag along with Jack and Annie for another exciting journey. Teacher: Monica Faist

Session 4B: July 18 - July 22 **Summer Safari**

Leap with the lions and zip with the zebras through the grasslands of Africa. Summer Safari will explore the animals of Africa and their habitat. Grab your pith helmet and binoculars! Teacher: Sarah Warren

Session 5A: July 25 - July 29 **Birds of Prey**

Fascinating birds of prey will capture our imagination as we take a glimpse inside their world. Owls, eagles, and falcons are some of these majestic birds we will study. We will even get to meet some of these feathered beauties eye-to-eye as they come to visit us at Rock Prairie! Teacher: Ellen Diaz

Session 5B: August 1 - August 5 **Art Recycled!**

This green art class will focus on using recycled and natural materials. Projects will include basket weaving, painting on found objects, sock puppets, and newspaper sculptures. Teacher: Alison Kyle

Session 6A: August 8 - August 12 **Water Works**

Splash into summer this session! Students will beat the heat with lots of water play and exploration. Join us as we explore all things water with games, projects and activities. Get ready to get wet! Teacher: Sarah Warren

Session 6B: August 15 - August 19 **Nocturnal Creatures**

Let's venture into the outdoors as darkness falls to discover the lives of wonderful nocturnal animals in different parts of the world. We'll learn about the night world and why these animals are so successful in their habitats. We will explore their activities, and their menus! We'll hear some wonderful poetry related to these creatures and watch some of their activity on nature DVD's. Teacher: Ellen Diaz

Elementary options for Additional Care

Before Camp: Time: 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Available to all Elementary campers. See Guaranteed Care Application for cost information.

Add on Camp: Time: 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
If attending an Elementary morning camp and extra care is needed after the morning session, consider our Add on Camp option. Campers will spend the afternoon exploring their world in a Montessori Environment. Many of our school year materials will be available for campers to use and special "enrichment sessions" will be offered, such as Spanish or Yoga. Children bring their own lunch. An afternoon snack is included. See Guaranteed Care Application for cost information.

After Camp: Time: 3:30 - 4:00; 4:30; 5:00; 5:30 p.m.
Available to all Elementary campers who stay for the afternoon Add on Camp. Any additional care time after our camp day can be requested in ½ hour increments. See Guaranteed Care Application for cost information.