

# FCS FRIENDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL *Summer Camp!*

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## Another Fun Week at FCS!



This week, our time together included making slime, traveling the globe, kneading dough, and many other exciting adventures! Campers spent their time in Little Explorers (Ages 3 ½-4), Sticky Science and Creative Construction (Grades K and 1-2), Let's Travel: Asia (Grades K-1 and 2-4), 3D Tech: 3D Printing and Strategy Games (Grades 3-5), Percy Jackson (Grades 3-6), and Bread-Making Around the World (Grades 5-8). Thank you for sending your children to FCS Summer Camp. We know that you have many options and appreciate your support!

# Highlights from Session 6

## Little Explorers: Shipwrecked! (Ages 3 ½-4)

Teacher: Kelly



Ahoy, Matey! Little Explorers have been having fun with pirates and pirate ships this week! We started the week painting our own ships and using collage to create the "sea" for our boats to sail upon. It's been fun reading pirate stories like *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long and David Shannon, *Stories of Pirates* by Russell Punter, *There Was an Old Pirate Who Swallowed a Map* by Lucille Colandro, and *Bubble Bath Pirates* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka. And the singing! We've been singing our pirate songs all week. Maybe you have heard a few at home, like "If You Want

to be a Pirate," "Over the Deep Blue Sea," and "Portside Pirates!" The real fun has been "playing pirates" in dramatic play with a few new props (some we made ourselves) and creating our very own life-size pirate ship. This week has been a blast!

See more photos [here!](#)

## Sticky Science and Creative Construction (Grades K and 1-2)

Teachers: Malik and Sandra

This week in Sticky Science, our scientists learned what makes a great scientist: making observations, coming up with ideas, and asking a lot of questions. We learned about the importance of following directions when conducting experiments, and why it's important to accurately measure our ingredients. These Sticky Science scientists made predictions using the science sketchbooks we created. We also performed several experiments, including making oobleck slime, playdough, bubble solution, and bubble wands. We had a great week together full of scientific inquiry, creative imagination, and a whole lot of fun!





In Creative Construction, campers have been busy using different materials to create fun structures. We started the week by learning about balance. Campers were given different sizes of plastic cups and worked in groups to create a structure any way they wanted. It was fun seeing what they came up with! Next we moved into strips of paper using them to twist and fold and glue in different ways to create a paper sculpture. Next, we used clay and a bunch of different materials (toothpicks, bottle caps, silk flower petals, cork and different wooden shapes) to come up with a fun sculpture. It was

great watching them figure out how to balance things and how they were going to glue the pieces together! We ended our week continuing to explore shapes and structure by creating a painting with a multitude of shapes.

See more K photos [here](#) and 1-2 photos [here](#)!

## Let's Travel: Asia (Grades K-1)

Teacher: Patricia

During this Week in Let's Travel: Asia, campers used their imaginations to travel to the Asian countries of Turkey, India, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Taiwan. They created passports and travel scrapbooks. On their travels, campers ate (and often helped make) mango, Vietnamese corn pudding, Cambodian cucumber salad, Turkish roasted chickpeas, and naan. Campers played the games of Korean Yut-Nori, Cambodian Bay Khom, Turkish Yüzük Oyunu (The Ring Game), and Taiwanese Shuttlecock Kicking. Campers created crafts such as Asian elephant collages, Vietnamese conical hats, hot air balloon pictures, henna hand art, Taiwanese fans, paper dolls wearing kimonos, and rangoli.



See more photos [here](#)!

## Let's Travel: Asia (Grades 2-4)

Teacher: Eshe

Traveling to Asia was a whimsical journey for eight eager campers. We frolicked under the cherry blossoms of Japan, titilated our taste buds with rice pudding of Nepal, and played Sri Lanka's national sport of volleyball. Travelers raced through time zones with airline tickets and passports in

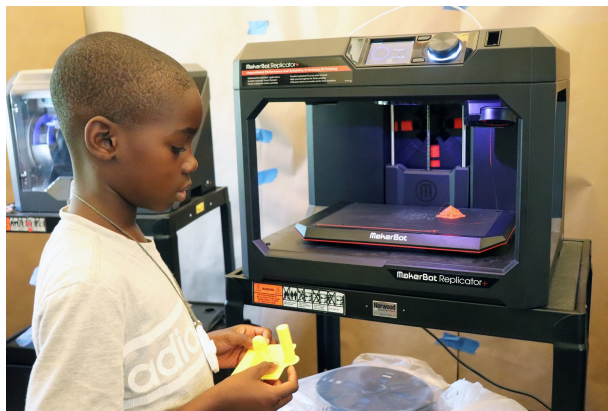
hand, earning the stamp of countries visited while trying on the silk robes of Pakistan, smelling the incense of Hong Kong, discovering the beautiful lands of Kyrgyzstan, and practicing meditation in India. We adorned ourselves in the stories, foods, religions, clothes and languages of varying cultures, many of which we had never heard of before, and returned home with a newfound appreciation of our wide world and the influence of Asia in our everyday lives.

See more photos [here!](#)



## 3D Tech: 3D Printing and Strategy Games (Grades 3-5)

Teachers: Tracie and Langston



This week campers began their adventure into 3D design and printing by creating 3-dimensional geometric objects with their names on them using TinkerCAD, an online 3D design software. Campers learned some new vocabulary associated with 3D printing and explored what impact 3D printing is having on traditional forms of manufacturing. Using their emerging design skills, campers created 3D models for a mythical or historical landmark and wearable items like pendants. Some students

designed their work based on 2D drawings they made and created 3D decals. Campers then explored digital sculpting using SculptGL and Leopoldy to create more free-form shapes. Using digital clay that they pushed, pulled, smoothed, and painted, campers designed organically inspired 3D models like avatars, space aliens, plants, and sculptures. At the end of the week, campers were exposed to case studies in the 3D printing field and worked on their final project designs. Using Cospaces, an online virtual reality program, campers created 3D galleries of their work and shared their 3D design portfolios with fellow campers. Check out campers work from this week [here](#).

In our Strategy Games camp, we explored numerous card games, like the fast-paced *Sushi Go* and the shape-shifting *Fluxx*. In the board game department, we played *Clue* and introduced ourselves to the basic principles of computer science with *Code Monkey Island*. We also took time to talk about being a respectful community. Because we had a class full of



Pokémon fans, we explored Pokémon as a strategy game. Our community took inspiration from our week to design our own game, “Pokémon Fluxx.” Even with all the new innovative games we played, the most popular game wound up being Mancala. Nothing beats a classic.

See more photos [here!](#)

## Percy Jackson (Grades 3-6)

Teacher: Melissa

The half-bloods in Percy Jackson Camp had a fun-filled week exploring and playing their way through all five Percy Jackson books! Campers were able to find out which Greek god would be their parent and participated in games, along with arts and STEM activities that went along with all five books. We were able to find the lightning bolt, keep the eye away from the Grey Sisters, protect Bessie, and catch an Empousai. We created our own Greek gods, made them a shield, and created their backstories. The half-bloods also were able to make garden gnomes for Auntie Ems, make doughnuts to distract a cyclops, collaboratively draw the Great Stirring, and build a team labyrinth. They also helped Percy by designing and building a ship for him to escape Circe's Island. Overall, these half-bloods helped to stop the Titans from taking over, but should plan on coming back next year, in case the Titans try to take over again...



See more photos [here!](#)

## Bread-Making Around the World (Grades 5-8)

Teacher: Maddy



Every day in Bread Making Around the World camp, campers made one kind of bread, played many group games, watched a couple educational videos, and had some free time. We explored what “bread” is by making quick breads, yeast breads, stuffed breads, and flatbreads. We concluded that “bread” was a food that includes a water and flour mixture. We made orange zucchini quick bread from the United States, soft pretzels from Germany, bean and cheese pupusas from El Salvador, baguettes from France, and chapati from Kenya. While not everybody could

do every step of each recipe, everyone had the opportunity to help in one way or another! Each child has a folder compiling all the recipes from the week with some notes on the taste of the recipe and the process. Everybody tried a new food, used a new utensil, or felt a new texture!

See more photos [here!](#)

# Next Week We are Looking Forward to...

- ❖ Little Explorers: Oh the Places You'll Go! (Ages 3 ½ -4)
- ❖ Rising Kindergarten (Grade K)
- ❖ Soccer and Art (Grades K-2)
- ❖ Junior Engineers (Grades K-1 and 1-2)
- ❖ Archery and Board Games (Grades 3-5)
- ❖ Harry Potter (Grades 3-6 and 6-8)
- ❖ Robotics (Grades 4-8)
- ❖ Ultimate Frisbee and Board Games (Grades 5-8)

Sign up for upcoming sessions [here!](#)