

# Week 4 Recap!

Dear Brookside & Tots Families,

We've already breezed through four weeks of camp! It's true what they say: time flies when you're having fun. While having a blast is key for kids, learning to cope with setbacks is just as important. Camp provides plenty of opportunities for these teachable moments, fostering resilience in our campers. While we'll miss those who have been with us so far, we are eagerly awaiting the new friends who will join us in week five!

-Megan, Brookside & Tots Director



#### BROOKSIDE POOL SCHEDULE

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY -Pandas, Kangaroos, Cheetahs & Polar Bears

TUESDAY / THURSDAY -

Penguins, Lions, Elephants & Dinos

FRIDAY -

Water Fun

#### TOTS WATER FUN SCHEDULE

**EVERYDAY!** 



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#### DAILY ITEMS

- Water bottle
- Bathing Suit
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Closed-toe Shoes

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Week 5's theme is...



Pajamas

TUESDAY (7/15) Wear your favorite sports team

> FRIDAY (7/18) Pajama Day



### BROOKSIDE SPORTS

This week in Brookside Sports, the campers played an exciting game of football bowling aka 'fowling'. The campers also put their soccer skills to the test by playing an actual soccer game! Next week, the campers will work on hitting a ball with a bat and running bases. The campers will finally put all their skills together at the end of the week for an exciting game of t-ball!

# BROOKSIDE STEM

This week in Brookside STEM, the campers explored different materials while creating fabulous art pieces. Science week also included learning about lightning bugs, gravity, and tension within objects. Next week, the campers will learn how STEM plays a role within sports.





## BROOKSIDE MUSIC

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This week in Brookside Music, the campers learned a super catchy tune about the water cycle and used body percussion to create the sounds of a full-blown rainstorm.

Next week, campers will explore how music and movement go hand-in-hand! The campers will participate in cardio drumming sessions and explore instrument "workout" stations where rhythms and reps come together for a full-body musical adventure!

#### BROOKSIDE SCIENCE

This week in Brookside Science, campers kicked things off by exploring the concept of camouflage, coloring different animals to understand how they blend into their environments.

They also investigated chromatography by creating vibrant butterflies using coffee filters, observing how colors separate and spread. To finish the week, the campers learned about the butterfly life cycle and illustrated each stage in detail. Looking ahead to next week, campers will dive into the world of balance and motion as they experiment with levers, construct marshmallow towers, and explore acceleration and friction through hands-on ramp activities.



### BROOKSIDE DRAMA

This week in Brookside Drama, campers brought their imaginations to life as they learned how to act out everyday activities without saying a single word! Through miming games like Charades, campers discovered how to express emotions and tell stories using only movement and facial expressions. Next week, the campers will design and create their very own puppets, then team up to put on a puppet show!





### BROOKSIDE ART

The campers had a busy week in Brookside Art combining art with science to reach a beautiful and creative balance in their artwork. The campers conducted experiments to turn black construction paper into rainbow paper using clear nail polish and a bucket of water. Then, learned about cyanotypes and hypothesized what happens to light-sensitive paper when they placed nature items on it and exposed it to sunlight. Lastly, the campers ended their week of scientific discovery by molding their own fossils out of air-dry clay. Next week, for sports week, the campers will think like designers as they plan and create logos 'team hats' that represent their camp groups. Until then, stay artsy, my friends.



# TOTS STEM

This week in Tots STEM, the campers watched raisins dance in sparkling water, created an exciting soda and Mentos explosion, and ended the week creating their very own homemade slime. Next their very own homemade slime week, the campers will become mini week, the campers will become mini engineers as they play silly shape movement games, build the tallest towers they can, and design creative bridges using pasta and play-dough

#### BROOKSIDE & TOTS MORNING CHEER

B-R-O-O-K-S-I-D-E
Brookside, Brookside for you and me
Let's have fun each and every day
So put a smile on and have a great day!

#### TOTS SCIENCE

This week in Tots Science, the campers launched into the wonders of space! The campers explored how craters are formed by dropping "meteors" into flour-and-cinnamon moon dust, watched icy "comets" melt and fizz in their hands, and used a wide variety of textures and materials to build their very own planets. Along the way, campers learned exciting new vocabulary like crater, meteor, ejecta, and comet, and practiced observing, predicting, and describing what they saw just like real scientists. Next week, the outer space adventure continues! Campers will investigate the forces that shape our universe by exploring gravity, air resistance, and motion.

#### TOTS ART

This week in Tots Art, campers enjoyed the story "In the Tall, Tall Grass." After coloring their own bugs, the campers practiced using scissors and glue sticks to hide their creations in tall, paper grass. Next week, our little artists will dive into a dragon-themed adventure! They'll hear a story about dragons and bring their imaginations to life with fun projects like paper bag dragon puppets and colorful dragon eggs.

### TOTS DRAMA

This week in Tots Drama, campers read the book "A World of Food" and made costume food drawings! Next week, campers will read "Commotion in the Ocean" and act out the different sea creatures described in the book. They will also mix different emotions with made-up sentences relating to various items or actions to work on expression. Lastly, the campers will play a guessing game of 'King and Servant' to practice using different silly voices!

# TOTS MUSIC

This week in Tots Music, campers explored the science of sound by filling egg shakers with different materials. The campers had a blast discovering the unique sounds made by rice, beads, and popcorn kernels. Next week, the campers will sing and play along with our new theme: sports and sleep!



#### TOTS SPORTS

This week in Tots Sports, campers had to be quick and sneaky during a game of Capture the Flag—stealing fossils while avoiding being tagged!

They also sharpened their observation skills by searching for hidden artifacts around the gym. Next week, the fun continues as campers learn the rules of fowling and build up to a full game of bowling, where they'll aim for high scores and cheer each other on!

