



Brookside and Tots Day Camp!



Week 2

Daily Items & Reminders

Water Bottle

Bathing Suit

Towel

Sunscreen

Closed-toes shoes

**Please label your
child's items!**

****Week 2's theme**

is: WACKY WEEK

**On Wednesday June
29th**

It is "Mismatch Day"

Welcome!

It's hard to believe that week one of camp is over! The jitters we all get (yes, including us) before the first day went away right after campers stepped out of their vehicles at drop off Monday morning. It was very comforting to see the excitement and anticipation on their faces. Now that the first week has come and gone, it was hard to say goodbye to some of our new campers, but we are grateful we were able to meet them! Week two is coming, and we can't wait to see again our returning campers and meet our new friends. We are lucky to work in a profession where we get to create wonderful memories for children, and we thank you for giving us that opportunity! Our amazing staff and I hope you have a restful weekend.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Armando Esquivel,
Brookside and Tots Camp Director**



Swimming and Water Fun Schedule

Brookside- Swimming

M/W/F: Pandas, Kangaroos,
Cheetahs, Polar Bears

T/TH: Penguins, Lions,
Elephants, Dinosaurs

Tots- Water Fun

M/W/F: Jellyfish & Turtles

T/TH: Dolphins & Stingrays

CONTACT

INFORMATION

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Drama

This week in drama the campers played some fun games. In these games we learned about rhythm, fast thinking and team building. Next week, we will be adding some music to our lessons and will be learning a song and dance. See you all in the hundred-acre woods!



Science

I had a wonderful first week getting to know your children and we had a lot of fun! This week we learned about animal adaptations, predator vs. prey, and fight or flight response. Next week we will dive into the world of wackiness. We will explore static electricity, wacky world records, and chemical reactions!



STEM

This week in STEM we learned about what a habitat is. We brainstormed about what animals need to live and how this connects to our habitats. We designed and built several different habitats this week. The biggest hit was our fish habitat! The campers loved using their imaginations to create everything that fish might need to survive. Next week we will study and build pendulums. The campers will learn about the pattern a pendulum creates through first-hand experience with pendulums. The campers will also learn how they can alter a pendulum's path by how they hold and release it. The campers will also create their own pendulums to show the knowledge they gained throughout the week.



BROOKSIDE

Sports

This week the campers played several games that focused on teamwork and animals. During a game called "Steal the Carrots" campers worked together with their team to gather pretend carrots for their garden. As they hopped around the gym collecting their 'carrots,' the campers excitedly cheered each other on and celebrated each team's win. Next week the campers will continue to work on games that reinforce teamwork.



Special

This week in special the campers learned about friendship and got to know the other campers in their group. We talked about recognizing differences in friends but also similarities with other campers. We read a poem about friends and played a game called "That's Me!" During the game "That's Me!" The campers share an interest, hobby, favorite food, etc. with the rest of the group. If other campers like that same thing, the campers will say "that's me!" and they trade places. At the end of the game, we discussed new things we learned about each other.

Art

This week the campers created projects aligning with our animal theme! The campers constructed their own Unicorn or Dragon puppets as a fun way to explore art-making and ease into the camp atmosphere. The campers learned about collaging and Cubism and were challenged to create an animal portrait using only pre-cut pieces of paper. The campers ended the week with Crayon Relief Portraits. These were created by laying a piece of paper over an animal image carved into the Children's Reading Garden stone and coloring the paper until their animal appeared; this helped the campers understand how various textures can transfer an image from one "canvas" to another. The campers had a blast with Animal Week and are looking forward to what they will create next for Wacky Week starting Monday!



Special

This week the campers learned about friendship! The campers talked about what it means to be a friend and what it looks like to be a good friend. The campers then created a list of friendship characteristics and made a friendship tree. The campers also talked about being respectful to animals! Next week, we will be learning about ways to stay healthy.



Drama

This week the campers learned about puppets, and how they can help you tell a story. The campers got to make some beautiful butterfly puppets that we used to act out some butterfly books. We finished up the week with some fun theater games. For week two we are going to learn all about costumes. We will start by designing some costumes of our own! Then we will learn about how to bring those designs to life with some basic sewing skills.



Tots



STEM

This week the campers learned about different animals! Each camper was given a different animal then were given clues about the different animals they had. If the camper had that animal they would raise their hand and show everyone. The rest of the week the campers played with Play-Doh and built different habitats for animals using several materials. Next week we will talk about chemical reactions. The campers will mix baking soda and vinegar, make 'elephant toothpaste', and make slime. We will observe all the different changes these products go through and talk about what the campers see, hear, and smell.





Art

This week the campers were introduced to abstract art and how it involves different shapes and color. The campers created their very own abstract art projects using tape and water paint. The campers also put together an abstract structure!

Next week we will discuss the color wheel and how we mix certain colors to create new colors. Campers will take part in activities that involve the color order of the rainbow as well as mixing paint colors to notice how new colors are created.

Sports

In sports the campers learned about teamwork and played a variety of tag games! One tag game the campers participated in was "Beanbag Tag." The campers balanced a beanbag on their head and if it fell off, they had to freeze. Another camper would run by and pick up the beanbag allowing the other camper to unfreeze. Next week the campers will continue to play games that allow them to practice teamwork.



Tots



Science

In science the campers explored Pickle Island and the Children's Garden to learn about animals and plants that we can find in our backyards. The campers used their eyes and ears to observe during a nature scavenger hunt, learned about a bug's important role in the garden, and played a game that matched animals to their tracks. The campers were so excited to see birds, butterflies, and more on our walks in nature. Next week, the campers will explore ways they can help protect and care for their environment by planting a seed, making bird feeders, and working together as a team to make a bee bath to put in our garden.



Meet Some more of our staff



Hello all, I'm Isabel! I am a current student at Michigan State University pursuing a business degree. In my free time, you might find me crocheting, playing guitar, or making something yummy in the kitchen. I am so excited to meet all the campers and have a great summer alongside them!



Hello! My name is Michelle, and I am so excited to be a camp counselor this summer! I will be a senior at Michigan State University this upcoming Fall, and I am a psychology major. I absolutely love to travel and do it whenever I can! I am studying abroad in Spain for my Fall semester and can't wait to learn so much about the Spanish culture. I also am an avid skier and travel out west whenever I have the opportunity. I even lived out of a van last summer because I love the mountains SO much!

