
SUMMER IN THE COUNTRY 2009

June 9 - July 2, Tue/Wed/Thurs (4 weeks)

July 7 - July 30, Tue/Wed/Thurs (4 weeks)

STUDENTS 2^{1/2} - 3^{1/2} YEARS OLD MONTESSORI (PRE-PRIMARY)

Our youngest students prepare for formal education when entering our pre-primary class. Adjusting to school, choosing work, completing the work cycle, working alongside others, and summoning coping skills are positively developed in our Montessori setting. In addition, the units below will be studied.

During both sessions students will enjoy cooking activities especially designed for small hands. Safety, proper handling, and “sampling” will be encouraged!

GARDENING AND SCIENCE (June) 9:00 - 3:00

Students will learn and articulate the parts of a seedling, plant several seeds in the room to take home, and gain a respect and understanding of the plants around us. Tending our inside and outside gardens will be enjoyable work!

Science activities will be included to understand how water travels through the plant. Students will experience different herbs and determine the tastes they like best. Cutting and changing the color of flowers, as well as arranging flowers will help develop fine motor skills.

OCEANS (July) 9:00 - 3:00

The ocean is a fragile ecosystem. Children will discover the different mammals, fish, and plants in our world’s oceans. Pollution and what we can do to prevent it, conservation, tides, and weather will be topics of interest and activities. The hermit crab will join our classroom for enjoyment and the development of observation skills.

STUDENTS 3^{1/2} - 5 YEARS OLD (PRIMARY)

BACKYARD HABITATS (9:00-11:45) JUNE/JULY

What’s in your backyard? Native butterflies, worms, hummingbirds, bees, and ladybugs are inhabitants that can be found in your yard. After learning what these creatures need, your child will recreate their habitat in our classroom. We will talk about “xeriscaping,” plants that attract butterflies, worms and composting, birdbaths, suet, hummingbird attraction, and why ladybugs and bees are important to our backyards.

SPANISH IMMERSION (9:00-11:45) JUNE/JULY

See description under Kindergarten-3rd Grade session.

CHEFS IN THE MAKING (9:00-11:45) JUNE/JULY

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POND LIFE A VAST ECOSYSTEM (12:30-3:00) J/J

Life found in a pond will amaze the young student. After recreating a pond at school, students will study animals and plants under the microscope, enjoy activities that broaden awareness of life around them, and travel to a pond to experience life under water.

GERMS & WATER- THE SCIENCE BEHIND THEM (12:30-3:00) JUNE/JULY

We’ll learn all about germs and water and how they affect our body. We’ll show “kids” how germs make you sick, how they travel through “hands-on” experiments and how to prevent ourselves from getting sick. We’ll talk about why inoculations are so important, what is pasteurization and food safety in general.

TEXAS AND AFRICA - TOO SIMILAR (12:30-3:00) J/J

The climates of these two areas are similar. We will explore the geography, climates, animals, and food chains. Guest speakers will share their experiences with animals of Africa and the class will culminate in a trip to the Wildlife Ranch.

STUDENTS 5^{1/2} - 8 YEARS OLD (KINDERGARTEN - 3RD GRADE)

CLASSIC FUN (9:00-11:45) June/July

Not everything fun requires batteries. Let your child find fun in outdoor activities rather than video games and TV. Classic playground games, boy/girl scout skills, and crafts made from natural materials were typical pastimes for children only 25 years ago. We'll show them how fun it can be to create outside the electric outlet!

“SUBTLE” READING AND MATH (9:00-11:45) June/July

It's more fun to study a subject when you really don't know that you are! Songs, games, hands on materials, and stories will delight emerging readers and mathematicians. This enrichment class will get your young student off to a great start next school year!

ENGINEERING 101 (9:00-11:45) June/July

Most of what we accomplish in a day is due to the work of engineers. We will explore bridges, domes, and skyscrapers. Why do they work? What does an engineer have to know to design or build one? We will build models and test the physics that make them possible.

CHEFS IN THE MAKING (9:00-11:45) June/July

How do you get your children to eat what is good for them? One way is to make food fun! Children will be able to use their talents to cut interesting shapes from veggies and bread for dunking. Making chocolate fondue, into which they will dunk their delicious fruit skewers, will delight them. Playing with food will be made acceptable as they assemble fun and edible characters. Complete with a field trip to Whole Foods market, this class is sure to interest young chefs.

DRAWING (12:30-3:00) June only

Drawing is a natural form of human communication that can be learned! We teach students a “drawing alphabet” that will develop visual perception, spatial orientation, and attention to detail. Step-by-step drawing sessions have enough structured guidance to build artistic skills and enough freedom to be creative! Guided drawing gives a student an initial success and confidence to explore new things. We will draw a pre-chosen subject and color it with high quality art products. Each piece will be finished that day. Students will work at their own ability level.

WHAT'S BEHIND ENERGY? (12:30-3:00) June/July

One of the biggest challenges facing us is technology. We will learn about Wind, Solar, and Coal. We will learn through experiments how a gasoline engine works, what a battery is, and build a lemon-powered clock, and build a solar oven! Students will learn how we harness energy, make it work for us, and most importantly how to conserve it. This class will build a foundation for science experiments that come later in your student's academic career.

SPANISH IMMERSION (12:30-3:00) June/July

We will immerse ourselves in the Spanish language, as well as explore foods, customs, and traditions. Students will be able to sing songs, extend greetings, ask questions and answer in Spanish. Spanish as a second language will begin to emerge as we increase our vocabulary every day.

Animal Husbandry (12:30 - 3:00) June/July

Does your child have a pet and need help learning to take care of it? We will teach children why visits to the veterinarian are important, what to look for in sick animals, and how to find out how much to feed an animal. Not only will we study our barnyard animal behaviors, but take a visit to a veterinarian's office and a behind the scene trip to the zoo.

When choosing a morning and an afternoon class, discounts will be applied. Attend four classes and a larger discount will prevail. Call **210-496-6033** for pricing.