

Montessori Pathways Summer Camp 2018

~ The World of Adventure ~

☐ **Week 1 (June 4 - June 10): *We are the Champions!***

Learn more about Track and Field Sport which is one of the oldest sports and it includes athletic contests established on the skills of running, jumping, throwing, and race walking. Create your own competitions like race walking with a bean bag on a head, jumping in the bag, running backward and much more.

*** Play your favorite sports at Veteran Acres Park in Crystal Lake one day and conclude your active morning with an ice cream.*

☐ **Week 2 (June 11 - June 15): *We All Scream for Ice Cream***

Kids will learn that making an ice cream is a science experiment; create your own ice cream flavor; draw a picture or write a story about your favorite ice cream.

*** Field trip - Kaleidoscoop Ice Cream Store in Crystal Lake*

☐ **Week 3 (June 18 - June 22): *Community Helpers***

Build a house, school, or skyscraper using Lego blocks, clay, or construction paper; sort the tools, write a letter to the nursery home and mail, play a doctor or teacher (dramatic play); meet the dentist at school and explore the fire truck at Crystal Lake Fire Department, visit Crystal Lake Food Pantry and donate some food

☐ **Week 4 (June 25 - June 29): *Upcycle It!***

Get ready to discover the depths of your imagination! During the week we will turn trash into treasure through a variety of arts and crafts projects. You'll be amazed at all the creations you can make (even clothes!) from old materials (toilet paper, tissue paper, straws, shoe boxes, old socks, etc.).

*** The kids will meet our old friend Tim Glander with his Magic Show.*

☐ **Week 5 (July 2 - July 6): *Road Trip USA***

In Road Trip USA, we'll crisscross the United States of America from the comfort of the classroom as we discover the cultures, foods, people and landmarks that make this country unique. If your child wants to learn about a particular place, tell us! Everyone can help us plan the trip

☐ **Week 6 (July 9 - July 13): *Buzz about Bees***

Your budding naturalist will get to learn all about honeybees and the vital role they play in our ecosystem. Kids will participate in a variety of collaborative learning activities related to insects and discover what makes bees special among them.

*** They will visit Nature Center in Crystal Lake for hands-on workshop about the bees and other insects.*

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❑ **Week 7 (July 16 – July 20): *Mixed-Up Fairy Tales***

Children will have some fun turning traditional tales on their head, as they embark on an adventurous romp through well-known stories, with hilarious results. They'll role-play main characters, discover common links between stories, and rewrite the endings. What would happen if Goldilocks had two horrid stepsisters and fell asleep for a hundred years? Would she be woken by a hungry wolf or Little Red Riding Hood's Granny?

*** Field trip to Crystal Lake Library to pick up a few books with the most popular Fairy Tales that our older kids could read to their younger friends.*

❑ **Week 8 (July 23 – July 27): *Very Hungry Caterpillar***

Learn about food pyramid and healthy nutrition, make a healthy food collage, participate in Shopping Obstacle Course, indentificate the kitchen tools and use them for the healthy food preparation; make a funny fruit or veggie face; play "Supermarket" using recycling containers, fruits and veggies, and toy money and learn how to make a good choice while shopping.

*** Field trip – "Pinkalicious – The Musical" at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire*

❑ **Week 9 (July 30 - August 3): *From Van-Gogh to O'Keeffe – Flowers in Art***

"When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment," Georgia O'Keeffe once said. "I want to give that world to someone else." Kids will learn how the world-famous artists like Vincent Van-Gogh, Georgia O'Keeffe, Edouard Manet, Andy Warhal were inspired by flowers.

*** The students will visit "Color Me Mine" in Crystal Lake and create their own masterpiece.*

❑ **Week 10 (August 6 – August 10): *Let's Wing It!***

Why doesn't a woodpecker get a concussion? How can a falcon fly so fast? Could a hawk see an ant from the top of a 10-story building? Why do crows always bother predatory birds? Hone your "owl eyes" to find a new feathered friend during this week-long, winged adventure and find out what the birds might be telling us about the natural world!

*** Field trip to Animal Garden in Dalavan, WI to see an Exotic Bird Show.*

❑ **Week 11 (August 13 – August 17): *The Beauty of Nature***

Nature is full of interesting things. Did you know there are so many different types of flowering plants that it would be impossible to remember them all? And new flowers are still being discovered! In the Beauty of Nature, your child will explore why trees have rings, the effect of sunshine on plants, weather patterns and so much more.

*** The kids will participate in special Crystal Lake Nature Center Program that will feature a hike and multiple educational stations covering most any nature topic.*

***** The Field Trips may be changed or added during the Summer Camp depending on the number of students attending and their age.***