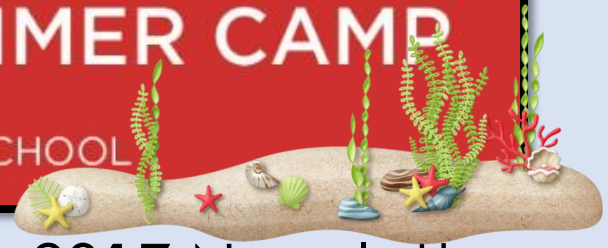


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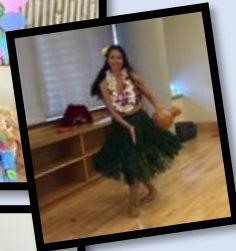


**Week 5: Tropical Excursion** (July 24 - 28) This week at camp, we went on a tropical adventure! The campers spent their time visiting exotic destinations complete with luaus, grass skirts, Hawaiian dancers and more!

**SPECIAL EVENTS** On Wednesday, Anna from Aloha Hula NYC joined us for our very own Luau! The kids were all on their feet learning to dance traditional Hawaiian hula! Mahalo Anna!

Thursday, Moana traveled all the way from the island of Motunui to join us for a fun-filled meet and greet! The campers were thrilled to sing-along with this island princess to "How Far I'll Go"! Moana was a huge hit!

**ART** This week for art, the kids made tropical themed crafts! You might have seen some paper plate fish, cupcake flamingos, sandpaper sandcastles, watercolor seahorses, mermaids and other sea creatures! We also decorated picture frames and took pictures of ourselves to complement our tropical excursion theme this week. Which craft was your favorite? All masterpieces created by our very own director, amazing work as always #christnacrafts! Projects will go home this week!



**GARDENING** All the groups worked hard on their growing garden! We explored the garden and checked on the growth of our herbs and vegetables. In the lesson this week, we talked about the different types of herbs that we are growing and had an opportunity to touch and smell the difference in each. We discussed how the purpose of some plants is for food. The campers also learned about the varieties and the range of characteristics within each species. Other plants serve different purposes and Mr. Andrew went over why you would choose various varieties of plants depending on your area or climate zone.

**COOKING** Cooking with Chef Sylvie this week included Aloha (Pineapple) Bread and Hawaiian Watermelon Salsa! Did your children offer to share? These tasty (and healthy) treats were a huge hit in both the creation and the consumption!!



**SPORTS** All the campers enjoyed sports this week! Hamsters have been perfecting their soccer skills! Fishies enjoyed fun relay races! Parrots have been playing Ga-Ga all week! Froggies were a bit competitive with beachy relay races! Chinchillas versed the Geckos in another great soccer match! It looks like the Chinchillas were the victors this week, but keep up the hard work Geckos, better luck next week!



**SCIENCE** Science included fun experiments such as fishing with goldfish and straws, making an explosive volcano, learning about how blubber keeps sea mammals warm and discovering the strength of egg shells by walking on eggs! Check out our Instagram for videos of these incredible science lessons!



**ART FARM ANIMALS** Getting a visit from the animals at The Art Farm is the highlight of every camper's day! This week we focused on the animals of the rainforest! Campers learned the layers of the jungle, which animal matches which specific habitat and how they use camouflage to protect themselves from dangerous jungle predators! We met a Crocodile Skink, Blue-Tongue Skink, Crested Gecko, Walking Stick Insect, and Tree Frogs! What fun facts does your camper remember?!

**MUSIC**

Miss Teri and Miss Jackie sang along with the campers to some tropical tunes this week! Younger campers traveled to the moon using a fun counting song that incorporates emergent math skills. We came back to Earth and joined the penguins as we learned how penguins move and shake. We used our imaginations and multi-step processing to make banana salsa using our full body coordination and memory recall abilities. The older kids worked on songwriting and music theory!



Tropical Excursion Week is coming to an end but next week's **Storybook Land** theme will sure to be an adventure! Join in the fun with pirates, princesses, knights and more!

**HAMSTERS**

The Hamsters have been busy this week playing animal charades and singing along to the songs from Moana! Love these little wayfarers! They also have been practicing their letters and writing their names! Preschool here we come!

**FISHIES**

The Fishies lived up to their namesake this week and they talked about different types of fish! They learned what they eat, their habitats, and how they coexist in the ocean with different predators.

**FROGGIES**

The Froggies had a beachy time this week drawing some amazing beach scenes! They also really got into the theme this week during sports time doing crab walks, pretending to be swimming fish, playing limbo and doing beachy relay races! Did you see also Miss Arielle the mermaid?! So fun Froggies!

**PARROTS**

The Parrots transformed into Merpeople this week designing and creating their own mermaid tails! They also were hard at work making dreamcatchers, painting maracas, and continued their jewelry making mastery! Such creative artists!

**GECKOS**

The Geckos loved the theme this week and really turned on their creativity painting and designing their own ocean scenes using water colors and sea animal cut-outs! They also developed their story telling skills as they worked on a collaborative group novel! Has your Gecko told you the surprise ending?!

**CHINCHILLAS**

The Chinchillas used their art and elective time this week creating sea animal decorations to fill their classroom. They were hard at work designing aquariums tubes out of paper towel rolls as well as an ocean biome scene full of sharks, dolphins, clams, coral, manta rays and more! They also made their own coloring books full of rainforest animals! To further get into the theme of the week, this group also learned the Hukilau! Did your Chinchillas teach you this beautiful dance?

