

MCS Summer Camp Highlights

The Middlesex Community School Summer Camp completed its fourth year of quality childcare, serving over 80 children from Middlesex and surrounding towns, we also celebrated its successful expansion from a recreation-based program into educational venues. While children continued to enjoy arts and crafts, sports, computers, and recreational games, we incorporated science-based theme weeks as well. Space Week featured a trip to RVCC's planetarium, which included a fact-based scavenger hunt. Campers also made their own paper rockets, and took part in activities pertaining to astronomy. The anniversary of the first moon landing was also discussed. Bug Week explored the world of insects and the roles they play in our lives. Students learned interesting facts, engaged in projects, and heard fascinating stories about several species of spiders, beetles, ants, etc. After Camping Week, Disney Week (Dunellen Theatre trip) and Sports Week (outing to Strike n' Spare), the MCS Summer camp closed the season with its annual pizza party, featuring a DJ, carnival games, and prizes. The camp will build on its education-based approach when it begins its fifth season in June 2010.

Middlesex Community School added **Creation Station** to its Summer line-up for 2009. The six week series of art technique classes taught by Maria DePasque was an instant success, selling out of all of its slots before the registration deadline. Student and parent feedback was very positive. Children enjoyed learning the art of ceramics, mosaics, soap-making, lanyard and jewelry-making, leatherworks, and candle making. Mrs. DePasque is already planning an expanded program for Summer 2010. Information will be posted on the BOE website.