

Summer 2014

Newsletter



RDS World Cup Painting by: Virginia Garcia

Regional Day School
ESC of Morris County

Principally Speaking

Hello Everyone,

Our Extended School Year is about the competition and about playing soccer



to end. As you know, our theme was the World learning about the countries that participated in

The trips we took this summer were wonderful! We went bowling, visited a park and lake, and had breakfast at iHOP. We enjoyed a backyard picnic with our families and had our weekly Music Assembly outside too. It was fun dancing and singing outside. Everyone enjoyed our closing pizza party....pizza is the favorite food at RDS!

Our annual Raingutter Regatta was fantastic! Al Thomas Boy Scout's Patriots' Path Council set up the run for us and we raced our boats against each other. The students had been painting and decorating their boats and sails during the summer. One of our boats capsized ☺ Can you guess whose it was? (hint: it's someone who works in the office and it's not me!)

Congratulations to the grand winner Luis C. and to the second place winner Dan M.



Pictured are Denise Moore, Teacher, Mike Sammon, Aide, Luis and Dan Students, John Lucas, Teacher/Troop Leader, and Al Thomas Senior District Executive, Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council.

I invite you to contact me at any time. 973-539-9630 or egoodman@escmorris.com

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer.

Elaine L. Goodman,
Principal

Jeff Mason Art

Summer Art

Summer art three days a week,
What we did, come take a peek.
We made a paper football game,
Learned about the players names.
Projects often echoed trips.
After breakfast smacked our lips,
We made a paper frying pan
Gluing eggs hand over hand,
Lean our bacon, decorative,
Watching weight, no points to give.
Next, much smaller, just pretend,
Pins we placed down at the end,
Then marbled paper balls
We pasted in each alley stall,
To recollect our bowling outing,
Often balls required rerouting
Much as do our memories
With thoughtful sensitivities.

Karen Carbone PT



World Cup fever was definitely felt this summer at RDS! The students worked hard on improving their soccer skills in Physical Therapy and many of them were able to run and successfully kick a soccer ball into a goal. Score!

We also had fun on our trips to Park Lake where the students pedaled tricycles around the lake looking for the two beautiful swans to appear. We pretended that we were racing in the Tour de France.

As the summer program slowly comes to an end, we will remember the fun we had bowling at Rockaway Lanes, racing on scooter boards in the gym, learning to "pump" on the swings outside on

the playground and tending to the garden beds in the front of the school in the beautiful sunshine.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you in September!

Stephen Eisenhardt OTR/L

This has been a great summer program at RDS this year with lots of opportunities for our students to improve upon their skills from a therapeutic point of view. The therapy program has put together some great activities for this summer's program. These activities allowed the student's to work on skills such as balance, coordination, visual motor, bimanual skill, fine motor skills, visual perception and mobility. It has been a wonderful opportunity this summer for the therapy department to implement their skills with the school's summer program.

Denise Moore, Blue 4

The students and staff in Blue 4 had a wonderful summer! We enjoyed learning about Italy, learned how to play bocce and cooked Italian food. Ayivi was very good at bocce and Luis loved trying the foods we cooked. We learned about the World Cup and soccer on the SMART Board and in gym class.

We had three fun field trips. On our trip to Rockaway Lanes, Stevie really enjoyed bowling with his classmates. We had yummy food on our trip to IHOP and went to Park Lake for the day. Sheniellys and Danisha really enjoyed our music classes and being outside for our school picnic.

We made beautiful boats for our Raingutter Regatta and spent a lot of time taking walks in the beautiful weather.

As the summer program comes to an end, we are looking forward to spending time with family and friends and returning to school in September.

Debra Vetsas Blue 2

Blue 2 had a great summer. We enjoyed all of our wonderful trips. Bowling was a fun time. We all cheered our friends on and had a good time. JayQuari even got a strike! Danny did a nice job putting the balls on the ramp. Renee and Ryan were great cheerleaders for everyone. Jessie had a great time and had a big smile on her face. Our trip to IHOP was delicious! Everyone enjoyed their breakfast. JayQuari had excellent manners at the table, we were all so proud of him. Danny enjoyed his eggs and pancakes.

We were lucky to go to Park Lake on a gorgeous day! The weather was perfect. Renee and Angela got great exercise walking around the lake a few times. Jessica and Ryan liked looking at the swans in the water and everyone walking their dogs. JayQuari and Danny enjoyed our picnic lunch. It was the perfect day.

Our class enjoyed learning about the World Cup. Our country was Germany and they ended up being the winners! We made some German food and learned a little about the country.

Blue 2 would like to wish everyone a safe and happy rest of the summer! We hope you get some time to rest and relax so you are ready for a new school year in the fall.

Becky Guerci Yellow 3

The students in Yellow 3 have had a fun and busy summer. In observing the 4th of July, we learned about the Founding Fathers. Each student made a printout of the Declaration of Independence and we made this historic document look old by crumpling the paper and dyeing it in tea. Akshay looked at all of the signed names, but did not find his name, so each student added their own names to the document.

We also talked about the history of soccer and the World Cup. Justin liked watching clips of the World Cup games, especially when players fell down! Students took turns yelling "Gooooooal" using an augmentative device.

We learned a lot about the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which made it to the finals in the World Cup. Jovann did a great job painting a windmill art project. We created a model of the Netherlands, representing the sea, windmills, rivers, dikes, tulip gardens, and the dairy farms. In making a cover for a book we made about the Netherlands, Dana impressed us all with coloring a map of our country with very little assistance.



The class went on 3 field trips—to Park Lake, IHOP, and to Rockaway Lanes. Elizabeth loved sampling the food at IHOP! Everyone enjoyed the scenery at the lake and had a great time bowling.

We now look forward to taking a nice break and returning for the new school year!

Diane Lange Blue-1

The students in Blue-1 welcomed Brandon to our classroom this summer! He joined Abigail, Angela, Josie, Sean and T.T. who are all enjoying our extended school year "World Cup-Brazil" theme. Besides rooting for their team, the students made beautiful maps of the region as well as colorful masks similar to the ones worn during Carnivale, a festive celebration in the country. Abigail liked the soft feel of the feathers on her mask! Along with learning about the culture of Brazil, the students have been practicing the math and language skills that they have learned throughout the school year.

A visit to Brazil would not be complete without tasting some Brazilian cooking. Brandon loved the Brazilian sugar cookies and sangria that we made! Blue-1 has also been perfecting their soccer skills. T.T. kicked the ball through the cones and scored the winning goal for her team!

The students enjoyed several trips this summer to Rockaway Lanes, iHop, and Park Lake. Angela showed good form at the bowling alley, Josie loved the pancakes and eggs at iHop and Sean enjoyed biking around Park Lake on the most beautiful sunny day!

It is hard to believe that our extended school year is almost over. The students enjoyed working with our personal aides Catherine, Lisa and Meghan this summer. All of us would like to wish everyone a relaxing break, and see you in September!!

John Lucas Yellow 1



We have had a good time this summer. Our class has been responsible for raising the flag each day. We have also enjoyed taking walks, listening to music, learning about Greece, our country for the World Cup. We made a giant Greek Flag to hang in the room and have tried to make some Greek food.

Madison and Jose have really enjoyed our weekly music assemblies. Francis has enjoyed having an area where he can play ball inside. Bassem has enjoyed our walks especially when we went to Park Lake.

Everyone ate their pancakes at IHop and is looking forward to Bowling and our Raingutter Regatta with the Boy Scouts. We are confident that one of us will win. We hope everyone has an enjoyable rest of the summer.

Meryl Varney B3

Travels to Mexico

Finally, it's summer and Blue 3 was introduced to the "Magic School Bus," which daily takes our class to special places we want to learn about. This summer we studied about the country of Mexico, their food, clothing, agriculture, games and people.

The first thing we learned was that the Mexican people speak Spanish. Qawdirah quickly learned to say "Hola". Alex giggled at her accent! Alex & Nicky enjoyed the introduction to Mexico using our iPads.

Everyone was ready for our first trip to the bowling alley where Alex, David, Oliver, Steffi, Qawdirah and Nicky have become great bowlers!!

Our Magic School Bus then took us to the "Lemin Planticion" where we were able to pick large lemons off the lemon trees and used them to make lemonade.



We arrived at a small lemonade stand called "Lemins, Lemins." There Steffi, Qawdirah, Alex, Oliver, David and Nicky learned how to SQUEEEZE the lemons by hand to make delicious lemonade. The sugar was then added and Nicky stirred and stirred, nothing like homemade lemonade!!!!



Next we learned about the fruits of Mexico. We smelled lemons, limes plums, apples and avocados. Our class Smelling Specialist, Alex indicated lemons smelled the best. Nicky, Qawdirah, Steffi and David tasted the limes, and from their expressions they were not a hit, but the plums were delicious!!!!!!

Getting ready for our trip to Casa de IHOP we asked Alex "The Nose" to choose the strongest smell; onions, potatoes and green beans! Once again Alex was correct, the onions won. David liked all the vegetables. At Casa de IHOP Oliver and Nicky were able to make a face on their pancakes using some of the delicious fresh fruit found in Mexico. Steffi loves eggs, and breakfast out was a treat!

With the help of Ms. Virginia, we learned how to make a Mexican specialty, Guacamole. We cut up veggies, and Steffi and David scooped out the avocado. Alex, Nicky, Oliver and Qawdirah used the food processor to blend the ingredients together! Then we ate the dip with tortilla chips OLE!!!!!!

We also went to see part of Mexico's beautiful landscape. (Remember we are on a magic bus!) We stopped at a Botanical Garden with a lake, frogs, lizards and flowers!!!! (Park Lake). At Cafe Quesadilla Chef Denise showed us how to make quesadillas and Alex passed out the treats.

Tortilla Ranchero was the best.....Mr. Harry and Alex chopped fresh tomatoes. Nicky and Mrs. Wendy cut the lettuce, Qawdirah helped Ms. Barbrajean scoop shredded cheese and ground meat into containers. David picked his choices to

make a one of a kind quesadilla. The students rolled their own tortillas! Sooooo good!!

We learned about soccer uniforms, special shoes with cleats, and shin guards. We are working on playing soccer but it's hard not to pick up the ball. Maybe Volleyball is our game!

Our picnic was fun and Oliver's mom brought lots of great food kabobs meat and fruit too, yum!!!! Nicky's parents joined us, and it was a wonderful afternoon.

We had a fantastic summer!!! Traveling was great and we put together a photo album of our trip so we can look back at all the fun we had! Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you all well rested in September!



Regional Day School welcomes our new School Nurse, Joanne Morro. Joanne has worked at the school previously as a private-duty nurse, trip nurse, and summer school nurse. Welcome Joanne!



First day for students	Wed. Sept. 3, 2014
Hours	8:45 am – 2:30 pm
Back to School Night	Thurs. Sept. 23, 2014
Book Fair	Sept. 22 – 26



Helen Jacobson, Mary Koeberl, Bob King

HAPPY RETIREMENT