

Newsletter – WEEK 2

Week 2 of Eco-kids Summer Camp was all about ***creativity & open-mindedness.***

As children looked at the connections between air and life they identified many fascinating things. Realizing the importance air plays in our lives, children then examined some issues affecting the quality of air and what solutions we can come up with to solve these problems.

Creative and ‘out of the box’ thinking inspired children to find and test their solutions to these problems. In project time, children set up their teams and got to work to investigate and report on their discoveries with our older campers presenting in front of their class on Friday.

Having observed many children in activities this week, it is clear to see that children of all ages have connected well with this week’s theme and core values.

The **Air we Breathe** is connected to life in so many ways!



COOKING

Chocolate Muffins and Biscuits

This week students learned how to make chocolate muffins and biscuits. Cocoa powder; it smells just like chocolate, but is it sweet or bitter? Students took the taste challenge and realized that cocoa is not sweet as most expected – it’s bitter!

Most students love biscuits, and they absolutely loved making them! They used their hands to mix all the ingredients together. the butter, flour, sugar and milk made the dough. Then they cut it into different shapes and used sprinkles to decorate.



Follow this link to see some photos of the campers enjoying week 2:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/16Rai_82gtpLddk7r4mrSFzNzOJUGREXX

SPORTS AND TEAMBUILDING

This week the sports team got the campers up and running with a host of exciting games and activities. They were put through their paces in the workout relay. They worked on hand-eye coordination in volleyball and netball. Reflexes were tested in the wildly popular colour challenge and the kids tried their best to steal the sleeping dragon's treasure!



ECO ACTIVITIES



Focusing on the theme *Air*, Week 2 has opened up new activities and new challenges for the kids to develop themselves. The children have realized how important trees are, and how to avoid using mass-produced products which contain a lot of chemicals.

The children have also been encouraged to join in various interesting activities like tree - planting, drawing with leaves, soap making and soap carving.

IMPROV

Spontaneity was the focus this week in Improv. The younger ones, of course, were so much better at this because as we grow older, we block ourselves, hesitate and try to over think things, rather than jumping in and just doing them! Our younger groups just don't have those filters and as a result, connected with their creativity and showed me how we all really, **REALLY** need to bring forth that inner child within us all!

Technology advances us to a certain point, but our creativity and social awareness comes from connecting with others and enjoying the spark we both send and receive. Here are a few suggestions to promote spontaneity that you can do around the dinner table, lazing on the beach or on road trips:

- 3 things (choose a category and challenge each other to name three things in that category)
- What Else Could It Be? - this was homework for EVERY group this week, so we hope you know about this game
- Use any noun and challenge each other to make a statement/sentence about it

NOTE: everything is acceptable, there are **NO** wrong answers. You can be realistic or fantastical – it's all good; enjoy!



ACTIVITIES

Cutting, gluing, painting, tying, coordination and patience are put to the test for the best in this second week of summer camp.

The rain drops sun catcher activity is for sure a challenging one, but everything seems so much simpler and more fun when we get help from friends. We come to understand that doing something for someone else can be just as enjoyable or even more enjoyable than doing it for ourselves.



EINSTEIN 1



Week 2 was all about air and air pollution, which the children are very aware of. We learnt about the causes of air pollution and made paper plate fans in our first lesson. We allowed the children to use their imagination when painting and decorating their fans and the sticks for the handles. We completed an A3 picture of both air and water pollution using different materials to create a three-dimensional picture. On Friday we had fun doing paint blowing, showing how air can change the look and shape of things.

Our life skills focus was on mindfulness. We were so amazed at the knowledge these young learners have about these topics, making them so much easier to discuss.

We once again watched some clips about mindfulness and had some relaxing sessions where the children could just tune into their bodies and the noises around them. During all our art time, we put on relaxing music in the background which the children really enjoy. We are having lots of fun with our class!

EINSTEIN 2

This week our class has been learning all about air, what it is, and why we need it. Their creativity and out-of-the-box thinking has helped them to come up with ideas we like to call *Solutions for Pollution*.

As a class we have done so many fun activities, from making windmills to planting flowers. Our class is learning every day just how much impact they have in the world, and how to use that impact for the greater good.

These young minds are just getting started, and I for one am thrilled to see what else I can learn from them.



EINSTEIN 3

The air we breathe. It's common knowledge that air is life. Without it, we won't survive. To show students the presence of air, we flew a kite. The children learnt how to make kites using recycled plastic bags, Indonesian coconut sticks, string and tape. Everyone had so much fun!

Einstein 3 also had a chance to research air in the computer lab. They answered questions such as *What is air made of?*; *who and what pollutes air?*; and *how do we keep air clean?* At first, they struggled to navigate the web but with the help of our assistant Group Leaders, they made it.

We also had a poster-making contest. Children worked with their best buddies to create beautiful art with a meaningful message; 'stop air pollution'! Their creative works are really inspiring. Kudos E3!



EINSTEIN 4



This week's life skill theme is about creativity. We learnt how to think outside of the box and how an everyday object as simple as a tissue can be used in a creative and inspiring way.

Our presentation this week was about air pollution. We made air pollution catchers to capture some of the pollutants floating around in the air. Finally, we had group presentations on air pollution and how we can solve it.

EINSTEIN 5

This week the energetic E5 group tackled the problem of air pollution. The campers learnt about the causes and effects of polluted air, and came up with ways to keep our air clean.

We had a special treat in eco activities when we got to make our very own eco-friendly soap! The children loved choosing their own scents and mixing in the natural dyes.

Our life skills focus this week was creativity and thinking out of the box. The children made art by using recycled magazines in imaginative ways. We also learned about the value or creativity in our society, and why we must never lose our individuality.



A highlight this week was when we made our very own font from our handwriting, which we will use in the Eco eBook.

EINSTEIN 7

Our campers learned the importance of breathing in clean air and how we should deal with air pollution problems. They researched different ways on how they themselves can better the air situation.

We worked on different projects to learn about air in creative ways, such as origami fans, respiratory models, and hot air balloons.

E7 campers did a good job in all the tasks and have learned the value of being grateful and appreciative.



DA VINCI 1



The happy campers have had an exciting week so far. This week's project is on 'The Air we Breathe'. Time has been spent learning about air, air pollution and the importance of air in our lives. We have also spent time learning about many different types of trees and even planted aloe vera, sugar cane and basil in the school gardens.

DA VINCI 2

Week 2 was met with excitement, as the students have now formed new friendships. The students were so enthusiastic about their project on air that they completed the whole thing in two days!

We were lucky enough to have a yoga session this week, which was very well-received and well-enjoyed!

We also got to walk around the campus gardens and plant some plants of our own. It was a very interesting and enjoyable week for all!

