



## Summer Elementary Weekly Themes 2010

**Week 1:** June 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

### **You've Got A Friend**

Our summer starts with getting to know each other, exploring friendships, learning to work together as a community, and taking care of each other and our school. We'll be hiking in Wood's Park and having a blast at our Summer Kick-off Party.

**Week 2:** June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **50 Nifty United States**

As we look beyond our own backyard, we'll learn more about the country we live in, and why we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We'll be learning about our country in its early days, Native Americans and the Oregon Trail. The Oregon Historical Society's Traveling Trunks will be with us throughout the week to explore and discover. We'll end the week cooking and decorating for our All American Independence Day Picnic.

**Week 3:** July 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Rescue 911**

(Closed Monday in observance of Independence Day.)

We'll have much excitement this week with visits from our community emergency workers. We'll have a visit with a police officer to find out more about safety. We'll be checking out an ambulance and learning about paramedics. And, we'll explore a Fire truck. We may even get to try out spraying the fire hose!

**Week 4:** July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Lights! Camera! Action!**

We'll have lots of fun acting throughout the week as we experience different aspects of acting, what makes an actor believable and trying out our own Improv. We'll get a little taste of "Broadway" as we enjoy the play *Aladdin* at the Broadway Rose Theater.

**Week 5:** July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Fantastic Forests**

This week we'll be exploring the forest to learn more about trees and the forest's many inhabitants. We'll look at all the ways the forest benefits us, as well as what we can do to help the forest.

**Week 6:** July 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Habitats**

So many habitats to explore! As we dive into the ocean we'll also learn how humans can explore this beautiful habitat with a visit from Aquatic Works and an opportunity to check out scuba gear. The Zoo presenters will come to tell us about Animal Homes and brings a few animals along to visit. And we'll learn about our own habitat, along with helping others, with a visit from *Habitat from Humanity*.

**Week 7:** August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

**Radical Reptiles**

As we explore snakes and other cold blooded animals, we'll learn more about different types of reptiles and amphibians, their habitats, and how they benefit our planet. Did you know snakes aren't really slimy? The Reptile Man will pay a visit with lots of interesting animals for us to experience firsthand.

**Week 8:** August 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

**Bodywise**

What makes our bodies go? What are the various systems that make our bodies work? Why is it so important to 'fuel' our bodies with proper nutrition and exercise? We'll discover the answers to these questions and more, then practice making our bodies move at Westside Gymnastics. We'll also learn more about taking care of our bodies with a visit from the dentist and learn some basic first aid.

**Week 9:** August 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

**Artists Among Us**

We'll be exploring the work of many artists as well as discovering the artist within ourselves. We'll learn about drawing "Faces" with a visit from the Portland Art Museum's Suitcase Exhibit. Creativity abounds!

**Week 10:** August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

As our summer winds down, we'll enjoy our last week together with lots of games and activities. Friday brings our Grand Finale with Bowling and Pizza!

**And more...**

In addition to all the fun listed above, each day we have a read aloud time, as well as silent reading. Children write or draw daily in their Journals. We'll have occasional hikes at Wood's Park and trips to our neighborhood Library. Arts & crafts are available throughout the day, as well as numerous other creative activities. We'll listen to music and create our own. And, of course, we'll spend lots of time outdoors playing and enjoying the sunshine!