



## Summer Elementary Weekly Themes 2011

**Week 1:** June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Food, Fun & Friendship**

Our summer fun starts off with getting to know each other, exploring friendships, and learning to work together as a community. We'll be cooking up some good things to eat for a bake sale and our Summer Kick-off party on Friday. With the proceeds from our bake sale we will decide as a group some fun items to purchase for our classroom.

**Week 2:** June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Hi Ho! Hi Ho!**

### **It's Off to Work We Go!**

We'll be exploring the multitude of occupations and having visitors share the ins and outs of their chosen careers. We will be looking at the jobs needed to keep our school and classroom going and choosing our own Child's View jobs. We'll need veterinarians, recyclers, cooks & bakers, journalists, janitorial services, teachers, librarians and more! Our chosen jobs will rotate throughout the summer as we explore the many career possibilities.

**Week 3:** July 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Rescue 911**

A fire truck visit is always exciting, especially when we get to spray the fire hose! We'll have much excitement this week with visits from our community emergency workers! We'll also be learning about general safety, first aid and how to take care of ourselves in an emergency. (School closed July 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Week 4:** July 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Do-Ri-Mi**

As we explore the world of music we'll experience and play various musical instruments and enjoy several musical guests. We'll learn about the different genres of music and some of the great musicians throughout history. We'll even create some music of our own!

**Week 5:** July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **It's A Small World**

We'll travel around the world this week to learn about the seven continents and their many people and cultures. We'll cook up some tasty foods from around the world and learn a few words in various languages. We'll pause in Egypt to learn more about this interesting country as we visit the *Ancient Egypt* exhibit at OMSI.

**Week 6:** July 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

**Forests & Friends**

This week we'll be exploring the forest to learn more about trees and all our forest friends, and even have some animal visitors. We'll have a scavenger hunt on our hike in the forest. We'll learn more about the many ways trees help us, making paper and finding out how we can better take care of this important habitat.

**Week 7:** August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

**The Deep Blue Sea**

Diving down into the depths of the ocean we'll explore the varieties of sea life, the ocean as a habitat and how we humans can explore its depths. We'll learn about the oceans and seas around the world, and how these large bodies of water affect us and our planet. We'll have an OMSI presentation of *Amazing Whales*, complete with a life sized whale. Wonder if it will fit in our classroom?

**Week 8:** August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

**Creepy Crawlers**

Snakes and frogs, bugs and spiders! As we explore these creepy crawlers we'll learn more about different types of reptiles, amphibians, insects and arachnids, as well as how they can actually benefit us. The Reptile Man will pay a visit with lots of interesting and "creepy" animals for us to experience firsthand.

**Week 9:** August 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

**Galactic Adventures**

Our world and beyond! What are the planets in our galaxy? What is the Milky Way? How does man explore space? We'll answer these questions and more, as well as create a replica of our own solar system.

**Week 10:** August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Fun Finale'**

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

**And more...**

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