



Summer Elementary Weekly Themes

Week 1: June 15 – 19

Getting To Know You...

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, having fun at our Summer Kick-off Party and seeing some cool animals when our Zoo presenter comes to visit.

Week 2: June 22 – 26

Beyond Our Backyard

As we look beyond our own backyard and school to the community, we'll discover how we care for our world and the people in it. From our "community helper" visitors we'll find out about those people who help our community. We'll explore the possibilities of what we can do to help, as well as do an "act of kindness" for a neighbor. We'll end the week with a fun game of Putt Putt Golf.

Week 3: June 29 – July 3

America the Beautiful

We'll learn more about the country we live in, and why we celebrate the 4th of July, through US trivia, stories and songs, as well as cooking and decorating for our Independence Day Picnic. (Closed Friday in observance of Independence Day.)

Week 4: July 6 – 10

Bug OFF!

This week we'll investigate the world of insects and other creepy crawlies. On Friday we head to Smith & Bybee Lake for a Guided Nature Hike, "Wildlife in the Water." We're sure to see lots of bugs along the way!

Week 5: July 13 – 17

Kids Around the World

There are kids just like us all around the world! We'll be researching to find out more them. We'll enjoy poetry and stories from other cultures. It will be fun to write to a pen pal and see what they write back. And, we'll find out about Egypt & Asia from the Portland Art Museum's suitcase presentations on Thursday and Friday.

Week 6: July 20 – 24

Inventors Unite!

What inventions do we use? Why do people invent things? What do you need to be an inventor? Who were some of our greatest inventors? So much to find out! We'll be doing some inventing on our own before Friday's trip to OMSI.

Week 7: July 27 – 31

Our Oregon

What is our history? What resources do we have to offer? What are the varying eco-regions throughout our State? This week we'll find out all about Oregon! On Thursday we'll learn more about the NW Coast from our Portland Art Museum suitcase presentation. Then Friday we'll head to Kruger Farm to see (and taste) some of the many things grown in Oregon.

Week 8: August 3 – 7

Snakes & Slimy Things

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 9: August 10 – 14

The Show Must Go On!

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 *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Broadway Rose Theater.

Week 10: August 17 – 21

The Vehicle We Live In

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.

Week 11: August 24 – 28

Fare-thee-Well!

As our summer winds down, we'll enjoy our last week together with various games and activities. Friday brings our Grand Finale at Oaks Park!

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 and will learn more about different writing techniques, tools, styles and genres. We'll be post-crossing throughout the summer – participating in a postcard exchange program. 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!