

Summer Fun at Coastal Kids

It has been an eventful first half of the summer for Coastal Kids campers. The preschool has hosted several special programs, and the campers have also taken a trip to Boothbay Railway.

Summer started off with a bang with “Make and Shake with Margot.” Music Together’s Margot Stiassni-Sieracki helped the children create instruments, then played her guitar while they sang and tried their instruments. The campers then blasted off to outer space with Ed Seidel, from Skidompha Library’s “Evil Genius” science series, who visited to help them build rockets then launch them.

For the next adventure, the campers headed to Boothbay Railway where they rode the steam engine, had a ride in a model T, and fed the goats. A visit from The Chewonki Foundations’ Owl Program introduced the campers to all the species of owls found in Maine and they got to observe three live owls. Feathers, bones and talons were also explored by eager campers.

The older campers were treated to a visit to Heartwood Theater, where they had a fantastic time learning mime and movement from renowned mime / dance performer and teacher Karen Montanaro.

Upcoming activities in August include a visit to Children’s Garden at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. For its final week, the program plans a carnival to celebrate the end of summer with games, relays, and face painting. Special visitor, The Amazing Lou, will delight the campers with a magic show and balloon animal creations.

Exciting things have also been happening right at the preschool. The campers have been busy tending the plants in their raised garden beds, and just harvested their first crop of beans and zucchini. A nature trail, completed recently courtesy of Devin Scherer for his Eagle Scout project, has been eagerly explored by adventurous campers. The trail boasts a Fairy Village area and a “Forest Circle” complete with tree stump seats.

This fall will start Coastal Kids 20th year educating area preschoolers. The school is still accepting enrollment applications for its preschool, full day and afterschool programs for children ages 2-8 years. Call 563-5335 for more information or to schedule a tour.