

## Summer Fun at Coastal Kids

It has been an eventful summer for Coastal Kids campers. The preschool has hosted several special programs, and the campers have also taken a trip to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. 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.

For the next adventure, the campers were treated to rides in a Model T, courtesy of Boothbay Railway.

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

The preschool ushered in August with a visit to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay Harbor. They explored the Fire Senses Garden then toured the Children's Garden. The imaginative gardens, inspired by children's literature classics, delighted the campers.

Back at school, inspired by the Garden's Fairy Village, the children gathered materials to create their own fairy houses along CKP's Nature Trail. CKP's Executive Director, Mimi Reeves entertained the children with stories of fairies, and gave them tips on creating "Fairy-friendly" abodes.

Music Together's Margot Stiassni-Sieracki helped the children end summer camp with a bang. Stiassni-Sieracki and the preschoolers created instruments, then she played her guitar while they sang and tried out their new instruments.

This fall will culminate Coastal Kids 20th year educating area preschoolers, and a Family Fun Day is being planned in October to celebrate the occasion.

The school is still accepting enrollment applications for its preschool, full day and afterschool programs. This year, the preschool has added a toddler program for children 18 months to 2 ½. Call 563-5335 for more information or to schedule a tour.

