

Milo Summer Reading Program Wrap-up

Wow! Time sure does fly when you're having fun!

The second half of this year's program was full of crafts, games, and laughs all around. One of the more interesting challenges that the kids participated in was called "The Beaver Dam Challenge". The group had ten minutes to construct a "beaver dam" on a piece of folded tin foil. The tin foil acted as the "river". Materials used for construction of the dam included sticks, clay, dirt, and rocks. Once it was completed, water was poured into the river to test how durable the dam was. The result was quite impressive. The only water that leaked through was due to the fact that the walls of the river were not high enough. The finished product can be seen in the pictures below.



One of the favourite crafts we made were called "Krazy Kazoos". This craft consisted of a toilet paper roll with a piece of wax paper secured over one end with a rubber band. Whoever was playing the kazoo would hum into the uncovered end to play music. I'm sure the parents enjoyed this craft as much as the kids did. The results of this craft can be seen in the picture to the left.

"Camouflage" was a game that was played in the park. One person is "it", everyone else hides. To start, the "it" person counts down from 30, and everyone hides somewhere. After this time, the "it" person tries to find everyone. The catch is that the "it" person cannot move, they must stay in the same spot. When they cannot see anyone, the "it" person then closes their eyes, holds out their hands and calls out "Food and Water for ___" seconds. They can choose if it's 15 seconds, 10 seconds, etc. During this time, everyone hiding MUST come and tap the "it" persons hands, and hide again. If they don't, they are out. The idea with this game is, the smaller the time frame for "Food and Water" is, the quicker you have to be to find a good hiding place.

To sum up, this year's program was quite eventful. Attendance was steady. Every week, there were new kids signing up, which was great to see. The kids had lots of fun this summer, and I hope that they decide to return for next year's program.

Have a great rest of your summer!

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