



OUR MISSION:
To provide excellent learning programs
that nurture the development of
the whole child in a safe and secure
environment.

CALENDAR

Haircuts are available
on the following dates:
6/4, 6/12, 6/18, 6/26

Monday, June 1 - Friday, June 5
Holiday Camp Available

Monday, June 8 - Friday, June 12
Summer Adventures
Theme - It's a Jungle Out There!

Tuesday, June 9
Stevi B's Night

After you pick your children up
from school, come get to know
other Palmetto Prep families at
Stevi B's Pizza on Woodruff Road.
All Palmetto Prep students receive a
free pizza buffet (drink not included).
Please be sure your child has
a Stevi B's sticker.

Saturday, June 13
Parents Night Out & Weekend Campers
5:00 - 10:00 pm
The cost is \$35.00 per child
and \$15.00 per sibling.
You must sign up in advance.

Monday, June 15 - Friday, June 19
Summer Adventures
Theme - Creative Expressions

Friday, June 19
Father's Day Breakfast
In honor of Father's Day, all dads are
invited to attend a special drop-in
in your child's classroom.
7:30 - 9:00 am

Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26
Summer Adventures
Theme - Global Citizens

Saturday, June 27
Parents Night Out & Weekend Campers
5:00 - 10:00 pm

Monday, June 29 - Friday, July 2
Summer Adventures
Theme - Under the Sea

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Palmetto Press

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Our "Room of the Month" Winner is Chosen!

Congratulations Mrs. Corey Cianfarano,
our Art teacher, for receiving the



honor of "Room of
the Month". Here
are a few of
the comments
shared
about Mrs.
Cianfarano:
"She is always
organized and
together", "plans
engaging and
creative activities",

"keeps children's work displayed
and current". Congratulations Mrs.
Cianfarano! Thank you for all that you
do to creatively inspire the children at
Palmetto Prep!

For camp brochure,
visit www.palmettoprep.com
Or call 864.675.1002



Chef Kelly's Kupboard

Chef Kelly is kicking off the summer with a **Louisiana Shrimp Creole** recipe. Enjoy!

1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 garlic clove, minced
1 (16 oz) can crushed tomatoes
1 (8 oz) can tomato sauce
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. chili powder
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
Dash Tabasco Sauce
1 tsp. cornstarch
2 tsp. cold water
3/4 lb. raw, cleaned shrimp
1/2 cup chopped green pepper

Cook onion, celery and garlic in a little olive oil until tender, but not brown. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce and seasonings. Simmer, uncovered 25 minutes. Mix cornstarch with water; stir into sauce. Cook and stir until mixture thickens. Add shrimp and green pepper. Cover and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings as necessary. Serve with rice. Serves 4 to 6.



Primary School Highlights



KINDERGARTEN

As our year together comes to an end, we have had many out of this world experiences. We traversed the solar system through explosive learning. We watched with abated breath as the shuttle Atlantis blasted off into space. Then, we kept close tabs on the missions the astronauts were completing. After our tour of space, we dove into the ocean on our return flight with a splash of aquatic animals. We studied specific ocean animals, then created our own representation of the animals. Now, our school of Kindergarteners are prepared to swim out into bigger and better waters as they move on to First Grade.

FIRST GRADE

First Grade completed a wonderful Core Knowledge unit on the American Revolution and its heroes. The First Graders learned exciting stories of how the United States became an independent nation. The students learned about the struggles the colonists encountered in order to gain independence, and important figures during this time period, such as Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin, and Betsy Ross. The class learned about the midnight ride of Paul Revere, located where the war started, and identified minutemen and redcoats. In addition, the class learned why the Declaration of Independence was written and the origins of Independence Day. Students created their own timeline in order to track these important events. Come check out our timelines hanging out in the hall!



SECOND GRADE

The Second Graders studied the work of Tomie dePaola this month. We began the author study by learning about the life of the author. We then turned our focus to folktales from around the world as retold by Tomie dePaola. Students read the folktales, identified the lesson incorporated into the tale, and then located the country of origin of each folktale on a map. We then studied more works by dePaola, including several of his book series, fictional books, and non-fictional books. We ended the unit by discussing the similarities found in his literature and illustrations.

THIRD GRADE

The Third Graders completed their study of the state of South Carolina by constructing relief maps. Each region of their map project is designated by a different texture, color, and elevation. Our maps turned out really great! We also introduced our last Core Knowledge social studies unit: The Early Exploration of North America. In this unit, we inquired as to the reasons why people explore and create timelines. While listening to "The Spanish Explorers" song, we discussed Columbus, Ponce de Leon, and Hernando de Soto.



FOURTH GRADE

Reflections: Fourth Grade students used these final few days of school to reflect upon what they have learned this year. Each student wrote a paragraph about what it means to be a fourth grade student, and each discussed what it means to learn. We also talked about what makes us lifelong learners. As we used this time to re-cap and re-count the amazing activities in which we participated, students created visual art pieces to express what they have learned through these fun events. Be sure to stop by the fourth grade room to check out our students' amazing work!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Physical Education, we completed a unit on flag football. The students enjoyed learning about the history of American football. We then practiced capturing the flag of an opponent, evading the capture of one's own flag, and ran various pass routes.



Primary School Highlights

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AFTER SCHOOL

In After School this month, we really enjoyed our gymnastics class with Mr. Ramsdell! We practiced balancing and coordination. We had so much fun making up and performing our own routine for the rest of the class. We are very sad to see the school year come to an end. On the other hand, we are super excited about Summer Adventures!



Pre-School Highlights

INFANTS

We had so much fun with our babies in Infant 1 this month. It was very exciting watching many of them reach milestones such as, learning to sit up on their own without support, learning to roll over, and some have even started eating finger foods. We continued to introduce the babies to a variety of music, and they especially loved the Barney CD.



Spring sprung in Infant 2 this month. We enjoyed getting our feet painted to create beautiful butterflies, and we painted our hands to make colorful tulips for a summer garden. Infant 2 also made photo books and printed cards for our mothers. We enjoyed serving muffins to our special mommies as we celebrated Mother's Day. Our friends also had a ball playing in the ball pit. This activity encouraged us to share and play with our friends.



For the month of May, the Infant 3 crew was busy learning about bugs and flowers. Our friends enjoyed being outside more and more with the beautiful weather. We spent time catching bubbles and kicking beach balls. We loved hand painting different activities throughout the weeks. Mother's Day and Memorial Day were our special activities this month. We had fun hunting for flags and having a picnic with our friends.

TODDLERS

This month, the Toddlers learned all about "Going Green". We discovered new facts about recycling, saving the oceans, and the rainforest. Our friends practiced helping the earth by recycling our classroom trash. We enjoyed creating panda bears while learning facts about endangered animals. We took advantage of the warm weather by exploring outside with our friends. One of our favorite outside games this month was searching for busy bugs. We also used our gross motor skills to push our bikes up the hill and ride them back down.



PRE-PREPPER

Did you hear that sound? Yeah, that silly happy sound. Where was it coming from? It must have been all of the giggles coming from the Pre-Prepper rooms. Spring and summer have moved on in, and the friends are so excited! There were smiles all around, giggle sounds in the air, bike rides and soccer games going on outside, and lots and lots of bug hunts. What a great month of May! While we enjoyed the outdoors and the cool breezes, our friends really loved their new curriculum themes: birds, bugs, baby animals, and springtime fun. Some of our favorite activities this month consisted of constructing a special birdhouse and feeding the birds, creating a pretend bird nest, exploring through a bird prop box, sorting and grouping colored worms, crafting Mother's Day gifts, going on bug hunts with special flashlights, designing beautiful butterflies, counting spots on ladybugs, matching pretend insects, viewing baby animals on live zoo cams, celebrating birthdays, reading special baby animal books, planting beans and watching what sprouts, and discussing at group time why things bloom and grow. Wow, what an eventful and enjoyable month.





Pre-School Highlights CONTINUED

PREPPERS

The Preppers celebrated Mother's Day with a week all about mom. We made portraits of our mothers, and shared what we like about our moms. Each child guessed specific questions about mom, such as: mom's full name, age, occupation, favorite color, and favorite food. Moms really enjoyed reading these at our Muffins for Mom celebration. Also this month, we discussed and learned about types of transportation and what each method of transportation is used for. We also studied the safety rules for different types of transportation. We talked about the function of our solar system with space travel, planets, stars, the sun, and the moon. We introduced "What would happen if..." questions. We asked our friends "what would happen if there was no sun?" One child answered, "the flowers wouldn't grow." We are excited to see these pieces of the language puzzle coming together.



PRE-K

The month of May was an informative and interactive month as our Pre-K friends explored plants, air, sun, and geography! We began the month by learning about the life cycle of a plant and gardening. We conducted experiments, planted flowers, and used our hands creatively to make beautiful butterflies and lilies. As the month progressed, we discovered the properties of air and sun. We participated in many hands on activities, and we learned why the air and sun are important to our lives and the world around us. We wrapped up the month of May by introducing geography! We discovered many facts about our city, state, and country. Our friends learned how to read a map, use a compass, and we worked on memorizing our addresses! It was truly a fantastic year, and our Pre-K friends are excited about traveling "Around the World" this summer!



Enrichment Highlights

SPANISH

In Spanish in month, the Pre-School classes learned all about planes, trains, and automobiles! In this unit on transportation, they enjoyed learning the song "Las Reudas del Autobús" ("The Wheels on the Bus"). We also made traffic lights and pretended to be cars while playing the game "Red light, Green light." For our cultural lesson this month, we explored the country of Mexico! They loved learning about the holiday Cinco de Mayo and other traditions of this Spanish-speaking country. The Pre-K and Kindergarten friends also enjoyed learning all about transportation. They loved pretending to fly and drive around the classroom. The students played memory and quiet ball. The Kindergarteners loved playing transportation bingo. First through Fourth Grades had a great time learning about South American countries, capitals, and their flags. The students played a flyswatter game, bingo and memory. Great Job!



MUSIC

In Music, the Pre-School reviewed how to play a steady beat. We focused on playing eighth notes and quarter notes. Everyone is beginning to aurally distinguish between the two sounds, a big step in ear-training. Kindergarten was busy playing simple melodies and rhythms, reviewing musical terms with flashcards, and listening to famous pieces of music. They continued learning children's folk songs. First Grade studied all about jazz, the great jazz innovator Louis Armstrong, and about the different cultures that make up jazz music. Second Grade learned about the origin of country music. We had fun playing along to country music with class instruments and guitar. Third and Fourth Grade studied Handel, Haydn, and the birth of Rock and Roll. We started with Elvis in the 1950s, and we discussed the racial tension that was present at the time. Then, we moved on to listen to artists in the 1960s and 1970s like the Rolling Stones, the Eagles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, the Beatles, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, and more.

ART

This past month in Art, the Pre-School children created fish collages. They used curvy blue lines to make a water background, then they painted fish shapes to glue on top. The Preppers had fun drawing eyes and mouths on their fish. The Pre-K students created handprint flower bouquets, and they used oil pastels to create drawings of sand dollars. They loved sprinkling glitter for decoration around the sand dollars. The Kindergarten and First Grade students painted seahorses this month. The Second, Third, and Fourth Graders used crayon and technique inspired by Vincent Van Gogh to draw Summer Landscapes. They made beach and sunset scenes. All of the Primary School students worked on contour line drawings of seashells and chalk drawings of sharks. We are going to finish the school year with dessert collages.

