We are having tons of summer fun at ESY! On Tuesday, we visited Long St. Park! We ran on the playground, had snack and then visited all the farm animals! We saw a cow, chickens, horses and sheep. Our favorite animal was the chickens because they made lots of silly noises. At the pool, we are learning how to kick our feet and overcome our fear of the water. We went to Amy’s Omelette House on Wednesday for some yummy breakfast and we were complimented on our restaurant etiquette. We colored a picture and ate pancakes, french fries and chicken fingers. On Friday, we walked to Hoffman’s Ice Cream Shoppe and ordered our favorite ice cream. We are having so much fun visiting different places in the community and learning social skills we can use when we go out with our families.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Aitana Castro-Hernandez

Aitana is a superstar at camp this week! She takes her PECS book wherever she goes and is asking for what she wants across all settings.
This week Miss Giannone’s class visited the Historic Longstreet Farm, located in Holmdel Park. The students had a blast viewing the various animals who lived on the farm, including horses, sheeps, goats, pigs, and chickens. We discussed what these animals eat and how they spend their day on the farm. Each student had a different favorite animal! Afterwards, students were able to adventure on to the Holmdel Park playground.

In the classroom, our topic of the week was camping and picnics. Students learned about where people go camping, what supplies you should bring to camp, and what activities you can do during your camping trip. Our class loved the idea of building a campfire and roasting marshmallows! We also shared our favorite foods to bring on a picnic. At Holmdel Park, we recognized many people were having their own picnics.

The student spotlight this week is awarded to Isaiah Thomas! Isaiah is a great friend towards his peers and loves to help out in the classroom. He plays nicely with others, follows directions, and does his best work each day in school. Isaiah is a great role model and wonderful addition to our classroom!
There is no doubt that our students absolutely love playing in water! On week 2, they had loads of fun splashing around at Dorbrook Splash Park with their friends. Whether they were running through the sprinklers, or waiting for the bucket to fill up and tip over on them, they always had the biggest smiles on their faces. We are so excited to take them back to the splash park next week for some more fun!

Our students also enjoy swimming in the pool. It is so great watching them splash around and become confident in the water. Some of our students have even begun swimming on their own in the pool using a boogie board! It is so great to see the big smiles on their faces!

Wallace is a loving and caring member of our class. He comes to camp with a smile on his face every day. Wallace is always quick to give assistance and care to other students in the class. He will be going to Kindergarten this year.
The Middle School ESY program has been in full swing with classroom work, outside play, and our favorite: trips! This week our students went to the Dorbrook Spray Park and enjoyed cooling off in the water. They also enjoyed Holmdel Park where they visited Longstreet Farm. Here they were able to see a three week old calf and the “Farmer’s Wife” milking the momma cow! Everyone was amazed to see the Sunflower Patch. They were so tall and filled with so many sunflower seeds they were drooping over! All classes are working hard, making games, to prepare for the Carnival. Everyday is a new an exciting adventure at ESY.

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

New to the Middle School, William Almeida, our student of the week, has made himself at home. Quick with a smile, William enjoys working and playing with his classmates. He especially enjoys building marble runs! He made a roller coaster and named it the “Sky Rail”. William is a great addition to our class!
Summer is just flying by with all the fun we are having at ESY! We have also been very busy preparing our games and activities for our end of camp carnival on August 14th!

Our School to Work program students have been busy with gardening, feeding the chickens at Audrey W. Clark School, and selling produce at the Farmer’s Market at West End! Make sure you visit us on Thursday August 15th from 9-10:30 AM for our last appearance at the market for the summer.

The weather has been so cooperative for all of our outdoor activities planned. Monday we had a blast at the Dorbrook Splash Pad. Tuesday, we learned about farming and farm animals at Longstreet Farm in Holmdel. We saw the beautiful sunflowers that were way taller than us as well as chickens, pigs, sheep, mules, and even got to witness a woman milking a cow! The week continued with swimming at Anastasia school and learning relaxing new breathing and stretching techniques during Yoga with Ms. Zambrano. We cannot believe there is only one week left of camp! We hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer!

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

This week’s spotlight goes to Cristina and Ariyah! These girls worked very hard this week on decorating and setting up our games for the carnival! They are looking forward to playing “Penny Pitch” and “Frog Cup” with everyone next week!
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