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HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER AT OFS!

Our summer program promises to be very exciting this year! We will have Science and Technology, Computer Animation, Arts and Crafts and ESY programs running in the morning. In the afternoon we will offer Sports & Games, Photography, Lego Robotics, Team Building and Kitchen Science. If needed, speech and OT services will be provided for students.

Lunch will be provided unless your child requires a special diet. The hours of our summer program have been extended as well. All programs start at 8:30 AM and conclude at 3:00 PM. Before and after school supervision is available if needed.

As always, our summer programs are open to all students, both special needs and general education. We also accept students who do not attend OFS during the regular school year. We do suggest that you register your child early for our summer program to ensure a slot. Contact Karen at kpentkowski@orchardfriends.org or by phone at 856-786-1123. We look forward to providing your child with an exciting summer program!



Student of the Week



Jake

This year has marked a lot of growth for Jake. We would like to recognize these accomplishments as he is Student of the Week!

Jake is now talking and expressing himself so much more to teachers and friends. He's finding it easier to be in larger group settings (once a big fear) and he needs less help from teachers in academics. This year Jake is going into Ms. D's classroom for journal and spelling. He is doing an awesome job! All of these accomplishments mark huge growth in Jake since he has come to OFS. We are so proud to have him as part of our school family!

STRAP ON THOSE SKATES!

On Friday, 1/22/10, our students will hit the rink in Cherry Hill for some roller skating fun. We will leave OFS at 9:30 AM and return by 12:30 PM. Clubs, usually scheduled for Friday mornings, will be held as usual. Even if your child has never roller skated, or is a bit fearful about skating, this will be a positive experience. We ask that you list your child's SHOE SIZE on the permission slip. Knowing which size shoe will make selecting roller skates much easier. If your child has his/her own personal skates, just send them in on 1/22/10 and we will make sure that your child uses those skates. Skate! Skate! Skate!

THE LIGHTNING THIEF



Percy Jackson has always assumed that his ADHD and dyslexia are disadvantages; after all, he performs poorly in school and seems prone to fights with other kids. However, in the middle of his sixth grade year, strange things begin to happen to him. Once he realizes why his math teacher turns into a monster and attacks him during a field trip and why he finds himself battling a minotaur (a mythological creature that is half-man, half-bull), he begins to understand that his perceived "disabilities" are actually assets (helpful qualities). During the course of The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan, Percy learns that he is the son of a god (I won't tell you which one!) and he must go on a quest to find and return Zeus's stolen lightning bolt to Mount Olympus. He embarks on this journey with two friends and travels across the country and back again before he finally reaches Olympus, which is closer than you might think to Riverton, NJ! You'll love Percy's crazy adventures and you'll learn a lot about Greek mythology if you read The Lightning Thief; it's a wonderful story.

Cloudy, with a Chance of Meatballs

Our next after-school movie will be on Friday, January 22. The movie we have picked was inspired by Ron and Judi Barrett's beloved children's book of the same name: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. The movie follows inventor Flint Lockwood and a brainy weathergirl as they attempt to discover why the rain in their small town has stopped, and food is falling in its place. We will be serving pretzels and juice during the movie. The movie will end at 5:00. If your child is going to stay for the movie, and they take a bus, make sure to notify the bus company that they will not be riding the bus home that day.

CONVERSATION CORNER

This section contains topics that every student can talk about. Try asking about one of these things at dinner tonight:

- Random Acts of Kindness
- Crisis in Haiti & how we can help
- Apple Dollars & how we can earn them

Idiom of the Week

Idiom of the Week: "Blessing in disguise"

Meaning: something that at first seems bad but turns out to be good

Next Week's Idiom: "Blind leading the blind"

Meaning: the uninformed attempting to inform others

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL SKATING PARTY

Friday, January 22nd

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 22nd

Pajama Program Service Project

The service project we will be working on this month is collecting books and pajamas for the Pajama Program. We are going to be collecting new, unworn pajamas for children who are in foster homes and shelters. The pajamas can be any size, since children are constantly growing. We are also going to be collecting new, unused books to go to the same place. This way each child can receive warm, snuggly pajamas and great book to go with it. This service project is starting today and will end on Friday, February 26th.

We are going to have a competition between homerooms. The homeroom that brings in the most pajamas and books will be awarded a prize.