



Ithaca Montessori School

Summer Adventures 2009

The Ithaca Montessori School Summer Adventures program offers an innovative and stimulating summer camp for children ages 18 months through 6 years old in a warm and nurturing environment. This year, our program runs from July 6 through August 28.

Our goal is to provide our campers with the opportunity to retain and develop their skills in a relaxed, summer atmosphere. We will combine exciting adventures with creative opportunities for learning. While forming new friendships, children have ample time for play, personal growth and free exploration.





Tadpoles

(18 mos. – 3 years)

Our toddlers will enjoy a wonderful summer program that provides a creative and imaginative environment ideally designed for these smallest campers. We offer a safe and nurturing experience which allows them to explore the world beyond their home environment.

The children in this program will have the opportunity to be in the specially prepared Montessori toddler classroom while enjoying individual and group play activities, music and art on a daily basis. The children will experience a healthy balance of outside activity and indoor fun. We offer two four-week sessions, which provide these young campers with the consistency they need to adjust to separation, feel safe in a new environment, and maximize their summer experience.

Salamanders (3 & 4 year olds) & Frogs (5 & 6 year olds)

These campers will experience a new theme for each weekly session! Each week will include cooking, crafts, music, movement, and a fieldtrip related to the theme of the week. The afternoons will be filled with outdoor play, stories and games. The *Frogs* will take 2 weekly swimming trips. Explore our themes below:

Week 1: (July 6-10) Fun with Food from Around the World We will prepare and cook food from around the world. We will send their senses on an amazing journey!

Week 2: (July 13-17) Glorious Gardens What helps our gardens grow? We will plant seeds and care for different types of gardens such as vegetable, herb, and flower gardens. Fieldtrip to Cornell Plantations.

Week 3: (July 20-24) All Aboard! Hop on and join us for an amazing ride! We will learn about many different types of transportation from trains to airplanes! It is a ride you don't want to miss! Fieldtrip to the Tioga Scenic Railroad.

Week 4: (July 27-31) Bountiful Biomes Have you ever wondered where your favorite animal lives in this big world? We are going to travel through ponds, tropical rainforests, grasslands, the arctic and the ocean to discover all different biomes! Fieldtrip to Cayuga Nature Center.

Week 5: (Aug 3-7) Lights, Camera, Action! It's time to put your imagination to work! We will explore the fun of theater by creating masks, puppets, costumes, and scenery. Let the show begin! This week campers will enjoy a private performance from Mrs. McPuppet.

Week 6: (Aug 10-14) Art Extravaganza Are you ready to get your hands a little messy? We will be exploring many different types of art – painting, sculpting, drawing, making mosaics – the possibilities are endless for our little artists! Fieldtrip to the Johnson Museum of Art.

Week 7: (Aug 17-21) Trees, Trees, and More Trees What would we do without trees? Why are trees important? What animals live in trees? We will be looking at trees inside and out and talking about how we can preserve our Earth with trees! Fieldtrip to Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Week 8: (Aug 24-28) Water Wonderland Lakes, rivers and streams galore – there's so much water to explore! Where does water come from and where does it go? Come find out as we experiment with water! Field trip to Taughannock State Park – Taughannock Falls.

What Your Child Needs To Have Daily:

1. One towel, swimsuit, water shoes & sunscreen.
2. Extra change of clothes & inside shoes.
3. Lunch & water bottle.
4. Full-Day Salamanders & Frogs: 1 healthy snack.

Please label all items clearly!

New To Our school?

Call 607-266-0788 to arrange a visit with your child to explore the environment and learn about our summer program.

Application

Please submit the enclosed Application Form with a \$100 deposit. You will receive a confirmation (or wait list) letter along with our Medical & Authorization forms. All children participating in the summer program must provide IMS with these forms PRIOR to the start of the summer program in accordance with State regulations.

Extended Hours

For families that require additional care, we will offer:

- Before-camp care from 8:00am – 8:30am (\$25/week)
- After-camp care from 4:00pm – 5:30pm (\$60/week)

After 5:30pm a \$1 per minute late fee will be assessed. This is in respect for our hard-working and dedicated staff.

