



Early Childhood Institute Summer Camp June 11th – August 10th, 2018

Welcome to our 2018 Summer Camp – a time where fun and exciting activities happen for children from the age of 12 months through 3 years of age. Our camp is especially designed to apply innovative teaching methods while providing the young child with a stable stimulating, fun environment that promotes growth and development. Our age appropriate daily routine is based on indoor and outdoor supervised summer play, facilitated by MCM ECI's screened and credentialed teachers. Our daily activities are exciting, stimulating and educational allowing us to continue to bring quality programming and museum experiences to your child. Summer campers are challenged to create, wonder and imagine.

Your child will be engaged in these activities throughout this summer:

- **Museum Explorations:** our children will visit our MCM exhibits, maximizing effective learning experiences by exploring the museum galleries for ideas, creativity, language development, conversation, vocabulary enhancement, investigation, self-expression and awareness of cultural diversity. The children are involved in hands-on learning incorporating gallery exhibit areas into an extension of our camp classrooms.
- **Art Projects:** exploration of different forms of art and our use of Reggio Emilia inspired mixed media ie. box painting, mural drawings, illustration, collage, paper-mache, oil pastels, watercolors, and puppetry. Messy play is encouraged so that creativity is explored and developed.
- **Music Activities:** Using our exciting new “Music Gallery” children will create sounds, explore the relationships between size and pitch, investigate how tempo affects the way we listen to sounds as well as creating our own musical instruments.
- **Water play:** Children will engage in different outdoor water activities by exploring and interacting with the various properties of water as well as developing the skills to discuss, investigate and formulate new ideas and theories.
- **Science Projects:** Children will use STEAM concepts (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) to design and build solutions to problems. The children will use inquiry-based and scientific reasoning to guide learning while experimenting with different objects, making predictions and drawing conclusions. Experiments, research, and projects to include magnets, planting, cooking, etc, are the essentials for our summer science fun!
- **Cooking experiences:** Our weekly cooking experiences will provide your child with those science, math and literacy skills that will transform fresh, healthy ingredients into tasty nutritional snacks.
- **Architecture:** block-building to include blueprints and the use of a variety of props and materials that extend construction projects as well as designing structures that deepen children’s understanding of gravity, stability and balance.,



Children will engage in the different museum exhibits and museum special shows throughout the summer.

The first week of camp starts June 11th and continues, on a weekly basis, through August 10th from 9:00 – 2:00 pm. Beforecare and Aftercare hours can be included upon request. The ECI camp is closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

The following is helpful information:

- Every Monday, administrative staff will be in the lobby of the museum to direct you to your child's classroom.
- Bring your child's lunch, snack and a water bottle, daily, in **labeled containers**, with the child's first and last name and inform the teacher, each day, if the lunch needs to be microwaved, kept at room temperature or kept in the refrigerator.
- The use of insect repellent is limited to those that contain DEET. Sunblock will require written parental permission. The Education office will provide you with the "Authorization For Non-prescription Medication" form which must be filled out weekly

REMINDER: MCM ECI Summer Camp is a "Nut-free Zone."

LUNCH OR SNACK SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY NUT PRODUCTS. To avoid problems of food sensitivity, parents must complete the application section with a history of any nutrition or feeding needs as well as any food intolerance or allergy. Since the risks of exposure to peanuts are life-threatening for some children, we provide a **"Nut-free Zone"** in all the classrooms.

In your child's **labeled** camp bag, please bring:

- A **labeled** change of clothes, in a large plastic bag, to include, underwear, socks, shorts or pants, shirt and a light cardigan, to be kept at camp and used for water or toileting accidents
- Each child will be given a complimentary camp shirt on their first day of camp. Additional shirts are available for purchase on the first day of each camp week.
- A child's first and last name **labeled** crib sized sheet and light blanket for nap time. The sheet and blanket will be sent home on Fridays for laundering.
- The children have outdoor play everyday. In addition, once a week, children will have "water day" where there will be different outdoor water based fun. Please bring your child in their bathing suit, water shoes (water pull-ups for those still potty training) and a change of clothes.
- Please make sure that your child wears protective shoes, everyday, for climbing, running and jumping (no crocs, open toed shoes etc.)
- If your child is using diapers, please label the pack of diapers and wipes.

Our staff is looking forward to a summer filled with discovery, creativity, fun and friends in our classroom, outdoors and in our magnificent museum.

Please contact us at: 305-373-5437 x 139 for further assistance.