



The BIG IDEA 2024 Summer Calendar

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DATES & THEME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAY 27 Welcome To Camp	No Class Memorial Day	Sprinkler Day Jackson Pollock Splatter Art	Caricature Drawer	Classroom Camp Banner	Welcome to Camp! Family Afternoon Picnic
JUNE 3 What can I use to investigate?	Gadgets Art	Tie Dye Day!!!	Sprinkler Day Sink or Float	Pottery Class Art	Let's Plant Our Garden With Master Gardeners
JUNE 10 How can I use my senses to explore?	Wear Your Tie Dye Shirt	Caterpillars to Butterflies	Medina Parks and Rec	Sprinkler Day Painting with Sauces	Mystery Boxes
JUNE 17 How do we solve a problem?	Sprinkler Day Obstacle Course	Police Safety Visit	Cereal Box Dominoes Challenge	Wear a Shirt that "Says Something"	6th Annual Goddard Color Run
JUNE 24 What can I invent?	Invent an Instrument	Sprinkler Day Water Walls	Show and Tell	Musician Visit	Classroom Inventions Or Robots
JULY 1 How can I take care of myself?	Yoga Instruction	CrAzY Halr DaY!	Sprinkler Day Mud Pie Day!	Closed for Independence Day	Wear Red, White and Blue
JULY 8 What is kindness?	Pajama Day!!!	Random Acts of Service	Jungle Terry Visit	Sprinkler Day Bubble Fun!	Goddard Pen Pals
JULY 15 How does it feel to be a part of something?	Friendship Painting	Touch a Truck	Wear Your Favorite Team Shirt	Goddard Fair Day!	Sprinkler Day Water Balloon Toss
JULY 22 How can we make the world a better place?	Sprinkler Day Goddard Carwash	Sending Cards to Nursing Homes	Making A Birdhouse	Dress for Christmas in July	Trike-A-Thon For The Ronald McDonald House
JULY 29 What is in outer space?	Geodes and Crystals	Sprinkler Day Parachute Fun	Mentos and Pop Rockets	Ice Cream Truck Visit	Dress for a Decade!
AUGUST 5 What can the sun do?	Color Changing Bead Bracelets	Sunprints	Sprinkler Day Cornstarch & Water Goo	Dress for a Luau!	Dance Glow Party!
AUGUST 12 Are all planets the same?	Dress WaCkY!	Petting Zoo Visit	Outside Campsite!	NASA Visit	Closed Staff Professional Development

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Visitor	Special Dress Up Days
Sprinkler Days	Special Events



About Our Camps

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2023 SUMMER CAMP

The Big Idea! Is presented in 6 mini camp sessions over 12 weeks. Within each of the two-week mini camps, the amazing learning experiences focus on four core actions - inspire, investigate, imagine, and invent !

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Each week features activities ranging from outdoor play to scientific investigations with learning through literature, music and hands-on projects.

Infants will use their rapidly developing motor skills and five senses to explore a variety of sensory materials. Toddlers will immerse themselves in the natural world, delighting in observations of wind, sand, water, plants and trees. The Preschool and Pre-K classrooms will dive deeply into the inquiry process as they explore identity through a series of activities. It is all fun and games in the Kindergarten and School-Age programs as they explore owl pallets, recreate an erupting volcano and learn about walking on water.

ADVANTAGES OF SUMMER CAMP

SUMMER CAMP REDUCES CATCH-UP TIME

It usually takes children four to six weeks each fall to relearn skills from the past year. An engaging summer camp program that supports learning and social activities can reduce this time.

A FEW HOURS MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Interest-driven, educational activities for two to three hours each day can help combat learning loss over the summer.

LIFE LESSON LIBRARY

The Life Lesson Library is Goddard's proprietary curriculum that was created for Goddard Schools, by Goddard Schools. The program was developed by faculty from Goddard Schools across the country, the Educational Advisory Board, and Goddard Systems' education team members. The full program is scheduled to launch in the fall. Life Lesson Library is based on great children's literature and the characters within the stories, and provides a natural and authentic way to teach and connect with children. Life Lesson Library's intended outcome is for children to develop social-emotional learning skills to help them get along with others and be good humans. We have integrated Life Lesson Library by introducing different book throughout the summer.

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