



CURIOSITY CAMP NEWSLETTER

May 24, 2018

Dear Families,

As promised, this newsletter will contain information from last week and this week.

The Campers have been busy researching and writing about Chicago landmarks. I was impressed by how well most Campers worked together to gather, write, and type the information. They also were excited to start building their Chicago landmarks. It was fun to listen to their ideas and watch their creativity unfold over the last several days. We were fortunate to have some parent volunteers to help the Campers get started with building and designing their projects. THANK YOU: Mrs. Brook, Mr. Pacuraru, Mrs. McKinney, and Mr. Swierczek. I would also like to thank all of the parents who donated boxes and other supplies to help with the project.

Some children are also working collaboratively on creating an A to Z Chicago slide show using Google Slides. In Google Slides, all of the children can work on the same slide show at the same time! You will be able to view the slide show at the Chicago Exhibit on Friday, June 1. Once the slide show is finalized, I will let you know and your child can also access the slide show from home and share it with you. A copy of it will be in your child's Google Drive/Classroom account.

The Campers also used Google Slides to create a Chicago Trivia game to share with the guests who visit the Chicago Exhibit. Again, once it has been finalized, the children will be able to access the Trivia Game through their Google Drive/Classroom accounts.

The children will be presenting their Chicago Landmarks at an exhibit in the Betsy Ross gym on Friday, June 1, from 1:15 to 2:00. You may come any time between 1:15 to 2:00 and anyone is welcome to attend the exhibit. I hope you will be able to join us.

We are still reviewing second-grade math concepts in class. We did read our final story from our reading series and last week we took our final spelling and reading tests. We are still reading and reviewing literacy concepts during these last few weeks of school.

Although many Campers were tired of walking, the trip to the Prospect Heights library was a success and the children learned about the library's wonderful summer reading program. The pen pal picnic was also a wonderful experience. The Campers were very kind and friendly toward

their first-grade pen pals. I would like to express my gratitude to all the parents who were able to volunteer for this field trip: Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Marzigliano, and Michael Marzigliano (Alyssa's older brother). They helped to keep your children safe as we walked through our community on a beautiful day.

The children learned how to access digital books from the Betsy Ross Library and they will have access to these books throughout the summer. Information about accessing these books will be sent home next week.

TIE DYE REMINDER: We will be tie dying on Tuesday, June 5. Your child will need to bring something to tie dye. This can be a shirt, socks, bandana or something else you can wear. It does not have to be new, but should be clean, 100% cotton and a light color. Please pre-wash anything new. Avoid using fabric softener if possible. Please bring the shirt in by **Wednesday, May 30**. Thanks.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, May 28	Memorial Day (No School)
Tuesday, May 29	Wendella Boat Ride Field Trip (If you did not order a sack lunch from school, your child must bring a sack lunch and drink on Tuesday.) Children should also wear class t-shirts.
Friday, June 1	Chicago Exhibit Day from 1:15 to 2:00. Anyone is invited to attend the exhibit. (Wear your class t-shirt on this day)

As always, have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs. Donohue