

# BROOKSIDE & BROOKSIDE TOTS DAY CAMP

Week 4  
Recap!

Dear Brookside & Tots Families,

We've already breezed through four weeks of camp! It's true what they say: time flies when you're having fun. While having a blast is key for kids, learning to cope with setbacks is just as important. Camp provides plenty of opportunities for these teachable moments, fostering resilience in our campers. While we'll miss those who have been with us so far, we are eagerly awaiting the new friends who will join us in week five!

Megan Shea  
Brookside & Tots Director

## Late Drop off / Early Pick Up

If you are dropping off a camper late or picking up early, please use the main doors in the drop off circle. When you arrive at the doors, please use the call box to let public safety know you are picking up or dropping off. Public Safety will notify us, and we will send a director up! Alternately, you can call our direct phone line at (248) 645-3674 option #1 and let us know that you are at the doors!

## Need to contact us?



248-645-3674

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## Daily Items & Reminders

- Water bottle
- Bathing Suit
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Closed-toe shoes

Please **label** your camper's items!

Check out our 'Lost & Found' on the last page!

Week 5's theme is...

*Fairytale Week*

**TUESDAY (7/16)** - Book Character Dress Up Day

**THURSDAY (7/18)** - Dr. Seuss Dress Up Day

## Pool, Special Event & Water Fun Schedule

### BROOKSIDE POOL & WATER FUN SCHEDULE

**MONDAY / WEDNESDAY** -  
Penguins, Lions, Elephants & Dinos

**TUESDAY / THURSDAY** -  
Pandas, Kangaroos, Cheetahs & Polar Bears

**FRIDAY** -  
Water Fun for **all** Brookside Campers

### TOTS

Water Fun **EVERYDAY!**

**TUESDAY (7/16)** -  
Police & Fire Visit

## Brookside Music

This week, in Brookside Music, the campers explored the "music of the earth" through a sound scavenger hunt at Pickle Island! The campers worked together to create a list of sounds we hear outside. Then, during their scavenger hunt, the campers listened for noises like people talking, leaves rustling, frogs croaking, and so much more! Next week, the campers will learn a new song, "The Purple People Eater" and explore basic rhythm patterns within that song. At the end of the week, the groups will work together as a team to create their very own rhythm monster!



## Brookside Drama

This week, in Brookside Drama, the campers engaged in a fun lineup of improv games designed to hone essential skills for improvisation. The campers practiced using their imagination, quick thinking skills, and the vital "yes, and..." rule to keep the scenes dynamic and engaging. Next week, the campers will explore how to use their voices to bring different characters to life!

## Brookside Art

This week, in Brookside Art, the campers explored the world of Etienne Jules-Marey, the pioneer of cinematography! "Art and science converge when they achieve precision." These words rang true as campers experimented with creating their own cyanotypes, inspired by botanists who transformed plant studies into photographic art. The campers also crafted rainbow paper using water and clear nail polish on black paper, and observed intriguing reactions of watercolor paint, Elmer's glue, and salt in their paintings.

Next week, the campers will continue this creative energy with our Fairytale theme, drawing connections to the Renaissance Period. The campers will create royal self-portraits using homemade fresco paint and "gold leaf," and collaborate on an architectural project named Palazzo Brookside. Stay tuned for more updates, and until then...stay artsy!



## Brookside Science

This week, in Brookside Science, the campers dove into the fascinating world of density! The campers worked together to discover why oil floats on water and conducted experiments with grapes to see if they would float in salt water and regular water. The campers also put their minds to the test as they experimented with various materials to determine which would make the best vessels for their grapes. Next week, the campers will embark on an exciting journey into crystallization and have the chance to create their very own crystals!



## Brookside Special

This week, in Brookside Special, the campers delved into exciting scientific topics related to animals and paleontology. The campers learned about various land and sea creatures and even crafted their own dinosaur tails! Next week, the campers will connect with beloved fairy tales like "The Three Little Pigs" and "Peter Pan," bringing these classic stories to life through fun and creative activities.



## Brookside STEM

This week, in Brookside STEM, the campers embarked on an imaginative adventure to Pickle Island to meet the legendary "Pickle King." When the Pickle King unexpectedly escaped, the campers were challenged to capture him! In their quest, the campers learned important design principles by creating blueprints for their pickle traps. After constructing their traps, the campers successfully caught the Pickle King! Next week, the campers will tackle exciting challenges alongside their favorite fairy tale characters.





## Tots Music

This week, in Tots Music, the campers crafted their very own egg shakers! The campers were given the opportunity to choose their favorite colors and fillings—such as popcorn kernels, beans, and macaroni noodles—discovering how each filling influenced the sound of their instruments. The campers also enjoyed visiting the Brookside "Instrument Petting Zoo," where the campers has the opportunity to explore and play a variety of instruments. Next week, the campers will dive into the world of fairy tales through music and movement, proving that music is truly everywhere!

## Tots Science

This week, in Tots Science, the campers had a blast uncovering dinosaur fossils in the sandbox, creating vibrant space-themed play-dough while exploring the planets, and growing stunning crystals. Next week, the campers will embark on a thrilling journey into weather experiments by making clouds in a jar, swirling tornadoes in bottles, and crafting their very own rainbows!

## Tots Art

This week, in Tots Art, the campers explored the fascinating world of dinosaurs! After their exciting field trip to the Cranbrook Institute of Science, the campers created dinosaur armor headbands and colored in the dinosaurs they encountered at the museum. Next week, the campers will dive into the realm of fairy tales by creating paper cup dragons and houses inspired by "The Three Little Pigs."

## Brookside & Tots Morning Cheer

B-R-O-O-K-S-I-D-E

Brookside, Brookside for you and me  
Let's have fun each and every day  
So put a smile on and have a great day!



## Tots Drama

This week, in Tots Drama, the campers explored various emotions through the stories of a grouchy ladybug and some playful, not-so-scary monsters. The campers also designed their own ladybug and monster puppets to bring these tales to life! Next week, the campers will wrap up their exploration of emotions before transitioning to storytelling. The campers will read two different versions of the classic "Three Little Pigs" and decide which side of the story they believe: the pigs or the big bad wolf!



## Tots STEM

This week, in Tots STEM, the campers explored the differences between chemical and physical reactions through engaging experiments. The campers witnessed and took part in various explosive demonstrations. Next week, the campers' focus will shift to animals, where the campers will learn about the five main groups of animals and how to identify common habitats.



## Tots Sports

This week, in Tots Sports, the campers focused on classic sports like basketball, football, and tennis! During these games, we incorporated fun mini-games designed to enhance their coordination skills. A standout favorite for our campers was playing "Jackpot" with the football, where everyone earned stickers as a group reward! Next week, the campers will embrace our Disney theme with fun gym activities that will surely bring out the magic!



# BROOKSIDE & TOTS LOST & FOUND

\*\*Please send us an email (BrooksideDayCamp@Cranbrook.edu) if you recognize any of these items!\*\*

Navy Cranbrook Summer Camp Hat



Pink Cranbrook Summer Camp Hat



Navy Blue Detroit Tigers Hat



Pink Hat



Blue & Purple Speedo Goggles



Red & Blue Speedo Goggles



Pink Cranbrook Zip-Up Hoodie (Size 2)



Light Green Pogo Water Bottle



Orange, Pink & Blue Owala Water Bottle



Grey Nike Spartans T-Shirt (Size 5)



Bella Cuttery "Ring Security" Sunglasses

Pink Patagonia Shorts (Size 5T)



Blue Michigan "Unsalted" Towel



Mario Crocs (Size 8)



Pink Sparkle Crocs (Size 9)



Pink Towel w/ letters



Blue Cranbrook Towel



Green Cranbrook Towel

