

Summer Camp Guide 2015



Three Year Olds



Four Year Olds



SCHOOL AGE

This summer camp guide is intended to provide information about curriculum expectations and resources that are available to you, as well as tips and suggestions to help you plan the best summer yet! Please contact Jennifer.Horner@doodlebugs.com with curriculum questions, but consult your front desk for operational/logistical support.

- **LESSON PLANS - One daily lesson plan is provided for [LEAP \(camp for ages 3-5, includes k-readiness activities\)](#) and [SA \(camp for ages 5-12\)](#).** Unless otherwise noted, any activity in the plans is appropriate for ages 3+. **Suggestions for adapting are included.** When any age restrictions apply, they are clearly noted. The following expectations are true for both SA & LEAP:
 - At minimum, the following activities are required daily: Center Event, Clubs, 1 Thematic Activity, 1 Outdoor Activity, 1 All Day Center, and any activity marked “Required”. Weekly progress on scrapbooks (explained below) is also required.
 - Use the lesson plans to select the activities you plan to offer and note your selections on the weekly **Play Plan** form provided by the front desk.
- **CLUBS - Clubs must be offered daily, from 3-4PM.**
 - At least 2 clubs are expected to happen during the 3-4 PM afternoon block daily, with the exception of Swim Club (times vary per pool schedules).
 - Every club (Book, STEM, Sports, Garden) must be offered at least once per week.
 - If field trips conflict with the 3-4PM time frame, clubs should be offered at a different time that same day; **do not cancel clubs altogether.**
 - The weekly page full of Clubs Options is provided for your convenience. These are suggestions that you can adapt depending on your specific classroom interests and needs. You are encouraged to add your own ideas and to adapt based on children’s interests.
 - Please consult with your director about staffing options for clubs. Some centers opt to have campers rotate between adults/clubs (for example, one adult runs Sports Club while another runs Book Club) while other centers opt to have every classroom run every club.
- **OUTDOOR PLAY - Daily outdoor play is essential, including water play.** You will notice that the lesson plans include one required outdoor activity daily. Please consider the outdoors an extension of the classroom – the assigned ‘outdoor’ times are the MINIMUM amount of time you are required to spend outdoors. Bring the program (Art, Music, Science, and more!) outdoors to provide a variety of fun learning experiences. Water play (sprinklers, sponge tosses, sensory bins) must also be offered daily.
- **SCRAPBOOKS - Every Summer Camp classroom will create a Summer Camp Scrapbook (rather than 1 per camper).**
 - Each classroom will create a google drive photo album titled “Summer Camp Scrapbook”
 - Each week, at least 1 Picstitch collage should be created and uploaded to this folder; at minimum, this means that each classroom will have 10 great collages shared by the end of the summer.
 - At summer’s end, we’ll generate a link that you can share with campers and their families.
 - Please see the [Summer Camp Scrapbook Guide](#) for a complete list of expectations and tips for success.
- **TECHNOLOGY - Electronics use should be limited.**
 - It is appropriate to use technology to support a lesson or planned activity only (no passive viewing) and supervision is always required. Use the [Guided Access feature](#)!
 - **Create a rich, engaging camp experience (indoors and out) that is so exciting and provides so many options that a Gameboy, DS, or other handheld device is not enticing to campers.**
- **ASSESSMENT - Formal assessment is not required.** Erratic schedules make formal assessments impractical. No assessment checklists are provided during summer camp and you are not required to create portfolios for new campers.
- **EXTRA RESOURCES - Differentiating is the doodle difference.** We understand that you and your campers have varied interests and abilities. Lesson plans purposely include more content than you need, so you have choices - please be sure to look at your day as a whole to make sure you are facilitating a fun, engaging camp experience that is responsive to every camper’s needs and interests. Visit www.doodlebugsteachers.wordpress.com for a weekly blog post that includes differentiation and extension ideas for every theme!