



Why SummerQuest?

SummerQuest at Princeton Montessori School is a wholesome, stimulating, nurturing experience for your child. The summer program, although implemented with a Montessori approach and seasoned teachers, is unique and separate from the school year, in that the novel experiences we design for your children evolve around: *outdoors, crafts, special field trips and visitors, theater, friendships, and favorite traditions like gardening, building teepees and forts in the woods, and time for daydreaming and unstructured time with familiar and new friends.*

Below are some of the highlights planned for this summer.

Toddler

- Singalong and breakfast with Mr. Mitnick
- Water Play on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Gardening and outdoor fun
- Continued exploration of the natural world and classroom curriculum
- Cooking and eating



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Primary

- **NEW Theme:** *Ocean-themed* learning and activities
- **NEW and improved** Swimming location as of last year
- Gardening
- Science and art instruction
- Singalong and Breakfast with Mr. Mitnick
- Water play
- Carnival Day and Olympics Day
- Scavenger hunts
- Tea Party
- Pajama Day
- Sports and Games
- Cooking
- Bird watching and study
- Visits from.....[Nature by the Yard](#), local Fire Dept.,
- Digging in the dirt - exploring nature, plants and bugs
- Fort building

- Arts and craft
- Singing & Instruments
- Yoga
- Foreign language lessons - Spanish
- On hot or rainy days children can enjoy playing indoors in 2 large multi-purpose rooms



Elementary

- **NEW Themes:** *Sport, Art Explorations, How Things Are Made, Native Americans*
- **NEW** Field trip or special visiting presenter for each session:
 - (1) Fun Fitness Week: Firefly Tennis and on campus activities: nature walks and fitness fun
 - (2) Art Explorations: Taekwondo and Field Trip to Grounds for Sculpture
 - (3) How it is Made: Our Playful Nature (see below: click on link below for more information)
 - (4) Native Americans: Lenape Day with hands-on activities brought to PMS by the Churchville Lenape Nature Center <https://www.churchvillenaturecenter.org>
- **NEW** Dedicated time to work on Summer Homework or enrichment work with a certified classroom teacher
- **NEW** guest visitor for third session: [Our Playful Nature!](#)
- Structured time for theme activity balanced with time to explore
- Wide variety of independent and small group work including:
 - Food preparation
 - Gardening
 - Relay races
 - Sewing
 - Yoga
 - Origami
 - Building
 - Crafts
 - Board games

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- Long term projects
- Outdoor water play
- Swimming once a week
- Visits from Taekwondo and Tennis instructors as well as “Our Playful Nature”
- Cooperative Games
- Lots of outdoor play!
- On hot or rainy days, children enjoy playing indoors in 2 large multi-purpose rooms



Highlight:



Our Playful Nature - Meet Chris Moran! Chris grew up playing every sport under the sun, climbing trees, exploring the woods, and roughhousing with friends which fostered a lifelong passion for movement and nature. Today Chris brings that passion to life while teaching movement in the natural environment. This summer, Chris will work with the Elementary students in the third 2-week session, leading the kids in building their own natural play apparatus and using the school grounds in ways they've never thought of! For Primary, he will be working with the teachers to create natural play areas and teaching the children to trust and enjoy nature while developing their balance, agility, creativity, and strength. His playful nature and love of nature are contagious and we know your kids will treasure their new experience with Chris!