

Theme/Study: Off to the Carnival!—Children will explore balance, large motor movements, and eye-hand coordination activities while experiencing circus arts.

Camp Centers

Goals When planning activities, we consider the following areas: the three spheres of understanding including literacy, values and character, and psychodynamic development of children; DECA areas of development including Initiative, Attachment, and Self-Control; Missouri Early Childhood and Kindergarten standards including Literacy, Math, Science, Physical, Cognitive, and the Arts.

<p>Morning Gathering: (prepared by the Starbursts) The Starbursts will demonstrate juggling and sing call/response songs that show the activities that occur during a carnival. We will also have funnel cakes available on Thursday during camp.</p>	<p>Dramatic Role Play (prepared by the Horizons) The children will play the roles of a variety of carnival workers, performers, animal acts, and audience members. We will provide a tent, face paint, different costumes, paper for tickets, and concession items to encourage children in thinking of different jobs in the carnival.</p>	<p>Science/Sensory (prepared by the Superstars) The children will use bean bags for juggling and talk about the different paths and ways it can be thrown. We will use cotton balls and cones in sensory table for the children to pretend that they are cotton candy and pull the cotton apart. We will show how to shave ice with the Snoopy Ice cone machine and they will get a chance to taste the texture of shaved ice versus an ice cube.</p>
<p>Closing Gathering: (prepared by the Comets) On Monday the Comets will play carnival games, do tricks, and juggle to tune of carnival music. We will do the cupid shuffle on Tuesday and Twist and Shout on Thursday.</p>	<p>Art and Construction (prepared by the Supernovas) Throughout the week, the children will collaborate on a large scale carnival ride. They will cut, tape, glue and experiment with recycled materials (tubes and boxes of all shapes and sizes). Each day, we will incorporate additional materials and build upon the last day’s work. We will observe how wheeled toys and marbles behave on ramps and chutes. The structure will not only challenge the children’s building skills and creativity, but will explore collective decision-making and respecting others’ work.</p>	<p>Music and Movement (prepared by the Big Dippers) Carnival music is distinctive as it brings us memories of exotic animals performing tricks, tightropes and acrobats, colorful clowns teasing the crowd, while magicians perform their spectacular tricks! This week, we will perform carnival tricks using tightropes, mats, hula hoops, juggling, ribbon sticks, and balancing acts to fun and imaginative carnival music. At the end of the week, we are planning a special carnival parade complete with costumes and instruments!</p>
<p>Garden to Table/Cooking (prepared by the Shooting Stars) The children will make their own individual cup of “Carnival” lemonade with a sprig of garden mint on Monday. On Tuesday, the campers will create pesto from the garden basil and spread it on French bread. Thursday will feature children making paintings from garden flowers.</p>		
<p>Water Play Friday It is an essential childhood summer experience to play in water and the hose. We plan activities that incorporate math, science, and sensory experiences while encouraging the children to discuss their experiences with other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Horizons will provide different water carnival games including a target game, a fishing game, and a dunking booth. • The Big Dippers can provide several sprinklers to enhance the carnival experience! • The Supernovas will have a target game with spray bottles and chalk targets. • The shooting stars will feature colored ice in their sensory table to simulate the color and feel of snow cones. • The Super Stars will have their sensory table filled with sparkly soapy water and brushes for the children to play. • The Comets will have their sensory table filled with colored water and will play Ducks in a pond. 		
<p>Extended Adventure Camp. This week in adventure camp the children will be able to create and participate in a carnival. They will be able to create clown costumes and construct miniature carnival rides from recycled materials. Later in the week the children will be able to participate in a variety of carnival games that support motor development and eye-hand coordination. These games might include pin the nose on the clown, bean bag toss, duck pond, pin knockdown, clothespin drop, ring toss, and a cake (or cookie) walk. We might, based on the campers input, try to cook a carnival snack.</p>		
<p>Classroom Extensions</p>		
<p>Culminating Activity</p>		
<p>Family Organization Wacky Wednesday Event We have planned the following activity for the enjoyment of the experience. COCA’s Oh My Gosh Josh is visiting to put on a circus show.</p>		

