**Welcome new and returning families!**

Throughout the summer session the children will be discovering our world! The teachers have already begun to guide them through the seven continents, introducing geographic features, locations and sizes. The children will learn the traditions and cultural practices of various countries throughout our global community.

**Summer Learning Objectives**

Our theme of study will allow the children to become familiar with the concept that we live in a big world, made up of both land and water. They will be exposed to the names and locations of land and water masses on maps and/or globes. Together, we will explore the world through stories, songs, interpretive dance, yoga, the creative arts, games, and cooking.

Here are some of the books that we have read and will continue to enjoy over the next few weeks:

- The Star-Spangled Banner by Scholastic Publishing
- I Am America by Charles R. Smith Jr
- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- Wilbur's Tooth Trouble by Jane Clarke
- The Tacky Penguin series by Helen Lester
- What's a Penguin to Think When He Turns Pink by Lynne Rickards
- Filbert Flies by Karl Ruhmann

**We want to learn FROM YOU!**

As we learn about our Global Community, we would love the children to benefit from the knowledge and experiences of our diverse ECRC families. Please consider sharing your heritage with the children through a story, song, dance, art or cooking activity. We welcome you into our classrooms anytime!

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Above: Adeline spends time at the writing center practicing the letters in her name.

Above: The school agers enjoy their outdoor adventures! Ainsley, Sienna, Claire, Fiona, Juliana, John, Vicky and Elise strike a pose in the field!

Above & Right: Molly, Carter and Haley create fireworks. They blow through the straw and watch the paint splatter!

Above: Sienna enjoys yoga outdoors. Check out her “tree pose”!

Below: Autumn, Liam, Santino, Vicky, Joshua and Maddie take a little break on a hot summer day.

Below: Joey practices his “bunny breathing” while taking part in yoga.