

## Session Themes

### ◆ Session 1A & 1 - June 2\*- 11

#### Aloha Summer!

Surf's up, dude! Ride the waves of summer fun with activities that are sure to make a splash! Campers will learn about the island culture of our 50th state through music, surfing games, and literature that includes: *Surf's Up*, *SpongeBob!* by David Lewman, *Junie B.*, *First Grader: Aloha-ha-ha!* by Barbara Park, *High Tide in Hawaii* by Mary Pope Osborne, and *The Mystery of the Wild Surfer* by Lee Roddy. Students will also participate in water safety training and bus safety procedures in preparation for a wild 'n wet summer on the go!



### ◆ Session 2 - June 14 - 18

#### Mammals of the Sea

What do humans have in common with salt water creatures such as whales, seals, manatees and dolphins? We're all warm-blooded mammals with four chamber hearts and communication skills! Exploration of sea mammals will be enriched by *I'm a Manatee* (book and CD) by John Lithgow, *Whale of a Tale* by Bonnie Worth (from the Cat in the Hat Learning Library), and *Dolphin Song* by Lauren St. John.



### ◆ Session 3 - June 21 - 25

#### We Could Be Heroes!

Super powers! Super humans! Super heroes! Campers will channel their inner heroes cloaked in the capes of destiny as they don costumes and enjoy reading *Traction Man Is Here!* by Mini Grey, *Marvel Heroes Greatest Battles* by Matthew Manning, and *Powerless* by Matthew Cody.



### ◆ Session 4 - June 28 - July 2

#### Independent Voices

Students will celebrate freedom and liberty this week with fire-cracker art and red, white and blue parfaits. Groups will explore the courage of independent thinkers with literature such as *Judy Moody Declares Independence* by Megan McDonald, *Surfer of the Century* by Ellie Crowe, and *The Outlandish Adventures of Liberty Aimes* by Kelly Easton.



### ◆ Session 5 - July 5 - 9

#### Pachyderm Parade!

Tons of fun awaits as marching magical elephants save the day, campers craft water squirting elephant trunks, and dance along with animal movement games. Enchanting stories of rescue and redemption will include *Six* by Seuss (featuring Horton Hatches the Egg) by Dr. Seuss, *The Elephant Wish* by Lou Berger, and *The Magician's Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo.

### ◆ Session 6 - July 12 - 16

#### Word Up!

"Words are the voice of the heart." – Confucius. This week campers will pursue the power of prose and poetry with original raps, rhymes, and written works such as *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor, *Hip Hop Speaks to Children* (book and CD) by Nikki Giovanni, and *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster.



### ◆ Session 7 - July 19 - 23

#### In the Dragon's Den



Every ancient world culture, from the Chinese to the Celts to the Aztecs, celebrated the existence of mythical creatures known as dragons. Share in the fun and fantasy as groups venture into the dragon's lair with crafts, games, and stories that include *Puff the Magic Dragon* (book and CD) by Peter Yarrow, *Digory the Dragon Slayer* by Angela McAllister, and *Timothy and the Dragon's Gate* by Adrienne Kress.

### ◆ Session 8 - July 26 - 30

#### Imaginary Friends

A healthy imagination and vibrant inner voice (or voices!) can ensure that a person is never without friends -- as campers will discover when they model benevolent clay companion creatures and read *Pingo* by Brandon Mull, *Horrible Harry and the Purple People* by Suzy Kline, and *Savvy* by Ingrid Law.



### ◆ Session 9 - Aug. 2 -6

#### Send in the Clowns!

National Clown Week will be celebrated at our summer sites with clown acts, make-up, and a rib-tickling comedy presentation for parents! Check with your camp site for date and time. Literature will include *Danitra Brown*, *Class Clown* by Nikki Grimes, *Jokelopedia* by Ilana Weitzman, and *The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry.



### ◆ Session 10 - Aug. 9 -13

#### Take Flight!

Up, up, and away with aerodynamic crafts and fantasy flights of imagination as campers investigate the world of aviation and the wonder of being able to fly. Groups will read high-flying adventure books such as *Bubble Trouble* by Margaret Mahy, *Talkin'About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman* by Nikki Grimes, and *The Girl Who Could Fly* by Victoria Forester.

