# Julia Brown Schools

Montessori Since 1967

The Julia Brown Schools provide year-round care for our current students by providing a fun and educational 10-week summer program. New students and class-only students are also welcome to register. Our students participate in a program that maintains the elements of a traditional Montessori atmosphere while incorporating fun extracurricular activities.

Your child continues in a program that they are comfortable with and with staff who are familiar to your child. It also lets the children continue the summer with their friends! At the beginning of summer, children will move to the classroom that they will attend in the Fall; allowing them to become familiar with their new schedule and classroom. This is a wonderful time to start incoming students as they will become familiar with the school and fellow classmates prior to the start of the school year.

Enrollment is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

# **Outdoor Fun**



We are happy to announce that Soccer Shots will return again this summer to build on the skills that they began with our students last summer.

Soccer Shots is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer The Children's Soccer Experience principles, such as using your feet, dribbling and the basic rules of the game.

They focus on fitness and sportsmanship. They utilize creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting

Through these fun games, songs and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

# Juniors: Let's Build!

### **PLAY-WELL TEKNOLOGIES:**

At Play-Well TEKnologies, we strive to build problem-solving skills, provide an opportunity for creative expression, foster a greater appreciation of how things work, and encourage the qualities of inquisitiveness, self-reliance and self confidence in children. We do this in the context of fun-filled engineering and architectural projects, activities that both the children and the instructors enjoy! Play-Well TEKnologies has been "Teaching Engineering to Kids" since 1997. Our instructors have varied careers and educational backgrounds (for example, mechanical engineering, architecture, biology, art, law). More importantly, all share a common enthusiasm for kids, engineering, and LEGO. Visit play-well.org for more information.

### PLAY-WELL TEKnologies WORKSHOPS at Julia Brown Schools Summer 2017:

Play-Well TEKnologies will be offering a special workshop at the Julia Brown Schools this summer for the Elementary students! We will be exploring architectural concepts, while creating strong structures, using Lego® materials. Students will work individually, and in groups to create a supersized project! Our program offers a hands-on, interactive, and fun, way to gain knowledge!

# Coding

Why should our children learn how to code? Coding requires analytical thinking. If a child learns how to code he/she will understand and develop the skills needed to solve large problems by breaking them down into a sequence of smaller, more manageable problems. Children who can code and absorb it, analyze and correct it, will also adopt the same approach to life and its many complex decisions. This is something we all want our kids to have the ability to do, cope and make good decisions.

More Reasons to Teach Kids to Code from Kodable.com



- Learning how to code empowers a child by giving them another way to express themselves. Becoming fluent with technology helps a child more from just interacting with technology to being a creator of technology.
- 2. It is as easy as learning a language. It teaches programming logic and concepts.
- 3. Learning to write programs stretches your mind.

This summer our students will learn basic coding through games and projects. They will learn about sequences, loops and events, problem solving, and how to collaborate with others. No computer/iPad needed!

In addition to weekly coding lessons, we are also arranging for visits from local coders so that they can come speak to the students about their jobs and how coding is prevalent in many things they use on a daily basis.

We hope that this summer of coding will inspire your children to continue to learn coding and create something of their own!

# Weekly Themes

### Week of June 26 - Camping

Camping is great outdoor fun that creates many memories. The children will learn how to set up a tent and play games typically found around campsites. We will learn where people go camping and what activities people participate in while camping (hiking, fishing, swimming, climbing, etc). We will review preparations needed before heading out to your campsite and how to make delicious camp snacks!

### Week of July 3—Construction and Building

The children will become architects this week. We will learn what an architect is and what he/she does to plan, design, or revise the construction of a building. The children will then try their hand at building, measuring and constructing their own structures using various materials. They will also learn about famous structures from around the world.

### Week of July 10 - Croquet

Known for backyard recreation in America that can be enjoyed by the old and young alike. Also known in Maryland as an annual rite of spring in Annapolis. The Annapolis Cup brings together two starkly different schools—St. John's College and the U.S. Naval Academy—for a croquet match like no other. Children will learn the history of this wonderful game and how to play it as well.

### Week of July 17—Biomes

The children will learn about major ecological communities that are defined by plants, animals and climates. We will learn about the tundra, rainforests, and deserts. We will create some of these biomes right in our classrooms.

### Week of July 24—Art

We will engage, inspire and teach art with age-appropriate techniques and subjects. We will discover famous artists such as Mondrian, Monet, DaVinci and Mi-

chelangello. The students will create their own masterpieces after learning about each artist and his/her style.

### Week of July 17 and Aug 7 - Ocean Ecology

Oceans cover 70 percent of our world. In conjunction with the geography lessons that our children have worked with throughout the school year we will focus on the oceans that complete our globe. For the next two weeks, we will be studying about ocean life, human interactions with the ocean and the ocean's physical geography. Students will enjoy learning through fun, hands-on science activities. Students will also be able to create their own ocean in jar to explore sea life and ocean zones.

### Week of Aug 14—Food Science

Discover fun tasty experiments right in our classrooms. Children will learn where food comes from, how it's grown, preserved and packaged for distribution. The children will enjoy learning about healthy eating and dry their own summer fruits to enjoy a healthy snack. Children love eating their own science experiments!

### Week of Aug 21—Dr. Suess

Dr. Suess was a famous American writer, cartoonist and animator. He has influenced millions of Americans over the past 80 years. Children will learn about this iconic author and will use his books to learn about rhyming words. Our students will also create crafts and snacks related to these wonderful books.

### Week of Aug 28—Music

Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas. The children will create and play their own musical instruments experimenting with pitch and dynamics. They will learn about the four musical instrument groups (strings, percussion, woodwind and brass) and how to identify them. Students will also explore jazz through the music of legendary Louis Armstrong.

# **Summer Traditions**

### Montessori

In July, we offer Montessori classes to our Primary and Kindergarten campers. The children will thrive in an environment where they are able to utilize the Montessori materials familiar to them and thus continue to internalize the information presented to them during the past school year. Summer Montessori gives the opportunity for continuity in the children's practice of lessons, as well as providing an opportunity for our new children to familiarize themselves with the Montessori classroom. All of which will provide everyone with a smoother transition into the next school year.

## Etiquette

The importance of etiquette in culture is thousands of years old. Our Primary campers will be given lessons such as: proper behavior at the beach, how to approach a dog in public and what to say when you do not want to play with someone.

### Theatrical Arts

Our Junior campers will have an opportunity to learn about costume design, running lines and staging as they produce several short plays throughout the course of the summer. From Chinese and Indian fables to old favorites like *Peter Rabbit* and *Little Red Riding Hood*, the Juniors will perform a variety of plays throughout the summer for our Primary students.

### **Journalism**

Each week, the Junior campers will be responsible for publishing *The JBS Weekly* to be distributed to all students in their Friday folders. Each Junior will have the chance to review books, write editorials and create advertisements. Juniors will be responsible for making sure they cover the 5 W's (who, what, where, when and why) so that JBS students and families are always in the know!

# Foreign Language

### Mandarin

Foreign language learning increases critical thinking skills, creativity, and flexibility of mind in young children. In addition, it also provides an opportunity for children to explore and better understand another culture. Our foreign language specialist will visit each class weekly.

# **ENROLLMENT**

JB Summer Camp is available only to Julia Brown School students.

### **New Students**

If your child will be joining us this fall, our summer program is an excellent way to introduce your child to his/her new school. Summer is a great time to make friends and adjust to a new school. Please contact the office if you are interested in enrolling in our summer program.

### **Current Students:**

Every Full-Day student is automatically enrolled in our summer program, as our full-day program is a 12-month program (Sept-Aug).

If your child attends The Julia Brown Schools as a Class-Only student, and you are interested in our summer program, please contact the office. We would love to have your child stay with us this summer!

### Previous Students/Siblings:

Occasionally we are able to accommodate previous students, who still have siblings enrolled in The Julia Brown Schools. Please contact the office in regards to availability.

Space is available on a first come, first served basis.