

2009 Summer Camp

Weekly Highlights



Around the World at OGA... June 15th—19th

Campers started off the week learning about the importance of Music and Dance to Mexican culture, and despite some technical mishaps, learned the Mexican Hat Dance (making use of OGA's new full-size dance mirrors). Sombreros atop their heads, many of the children enjoyed learning and performing a simple dance that holds great significance to Mexican culture, and some of them even created their own dances!



Throughout the rest of the week, the campers enjoyed learning about Kenyan, Japanese, and Italian culture, challenging their tongues with Swahili and their taste buds with seaweed wrapped California rolls. The highlight of the week for many of the children came after a fun-filled swimming trip. Italian Gelato—nothing better on a warm day than an ice cold dessert!



Friday morning, buzzing excitement filled the gym as the campers prepared for the first field trip of the summer: Portland's Classical Chinese Garden. Wide grins reflected in the windows of Max as we made our way through the tunnel; many of the campers thought it was an adventure simply to ride the transit train.

Once inside the gardens, the children remained excited, but our guide soon channeled their excitement into wonderment as stories of happy fish and traditional Chinese life were told. Making our way through the gardens, eyes and ears remained glued to the guide, as well as a camper with Chinese heritage who assisted in telling stories and speaking Chinese words. The most exciting part of the tour seemed to be the waterfall, as campers spent many moments gazing at and around the cascading water.

