



## Summer 2010

Welcome to The Science School at Museum of Nature & Science for our summer program. We have a fun, hands-on, educational summer planned for all of our young scientists. Thank you for sharing your children with us and once again, welcome to our school family.

We will be exploring the Grand Canyon and Alaska this summer. So far, the children made a mini Grand Canyon, talked about animals that live there and learned about the river and rocks. We will continue to explore the Grand Canyon through June and then we will travel to Alaska. We'll discover the animals, climate and environments in Alaska in July.

*Next week, June 21-25, we will be exploring the importance of taking care of the environment in the Grand Canyon. This will include discussing water conservation, keeping the water and grounds clear of trash and more. Please send a few pieces of clean trash/recyclables to class for a project. Some ideas are cereal boxes, soda pop bottles, water bottles, food cans, milk cartons etc. Please make sure to clean and dry any containers before sending them.*

As part of our summer journeys, we will go to see Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk in the IMAX® on Monday June 21 at 11 and Tuesday June 22 at 10. We will see Alaska: Spirit of the Wild on Monday July 19 at 10 and Tuesday July 20 at 11. Please make sure you are on time on Tuesday June 22 and Monday July 19 because the movie starts promptly at 10:00 and we will go upstairs right after carpool and bathroom time. We will not return to the classroom until the movie is over at 11:00 on the 10:00 movie days and 12:00 on the 11:00 movie days so there will not be anyone in the classroom or anyone to answer the doorbell.

The children have been going outside first thing each morning. They get to play before it is too hot or the ozone levels are unhealthy. We will usually go outside around 9:50-10:00 unless it is raining. If you arrive after we leave, there may not be anybody around to answer the door since all of us are involved in different programs this summer. Please remember to apply sunscreen and insect repellent before school. You can also send a hat and sunglasses with your child. Make sure to put your child's name on both items. Once we are back inside we will put these in their cubbies so they will remember to take them home.

Each child will be assigned a snack day/days over the summer. The School staff will let you know when it is your child's turn.

We have started doing carpool. Please remember to stay in your cars at drop off and pick-up times: 9:25am drop off, 1:00pm pick-up, 5:25pm pick-up for extended care. We will get your child out of the car and put your child in the car. After we put your child in the car, please pull forward out of the circle drive to put seat belts on. This allows us to keep the line moving. If you want to get out of your car to drop off or pick up your child, please park your car in the parking lot and walk across to our area when we have come outside for carpool. If you would like to talk with the staff, please call us and we will call you back. Carpool time is not the time to do this. Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you come for early care, are late dropping off or early picking up you will need to ring the doorbell. Please note: Summer Discovery Jr. camps are also using our school door so you may see people coming in the door during or just before our carpool in the morning. We will still come outside for carpool so you do not need to come to the door.

School is closed Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.

If your child will not be attending school for any reason, such as illness or vacation, please let us know by emailing or calling us. Our email is [scienceschool@natureandscience.org](mailto:scienceschool@natureandscience.org). Our phone number is 214-428-5555 ext. 1381. We do check the messages several times a day so please leave a message if no one answers.

The last day of school is Friday, July 30.

Registration continues for our fall classes. If you know anyone interested in our school, please let them know about registration. We would be happy to send them information and invite them to visit.

Please cut out **BOX TOP\$** for education and send them to school this summer. You can find them on General Mills cereals, Pillsbury® refrigerated and freezer products, Yoplait® yogurt, Betty Crocker® and Bisquick® baking products, Fruit Roll Ups®, Fruit by the Foot®, Kleenex® and all Ziploc® products. We get \$.10 for each label and it can add up. You can also register for our school at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Thanks.

