

# WEEK 2 NEWSLETTER

We are half-way done with GSD Summer School 2021 and so far, things have been awesome! Students continue to learn in the classroom and have opportunities to take part in some great “camp-like” activities. This week, many students had the opportunity to “Zoom” with the Bug Chicks (<https://thebugchicks.com/>) and learn about all things creepy, crawly, and awesome! Students also accompanied Dr. Helms to St. Louis Ponds to conduct ecological studies and native plants. They also built bird feeders, launched rockets, created some amazing art, and more! Weeks 1 and 2 have been great, and weeks 3 and 4 will be even better!



The Bug Chicks provide a virtual assembly to teach our students about all things buggy!



2<sup>nd</sup>-Grade students making bird feeders for our local feathered friends.



Kindergarten students making bird feeders.



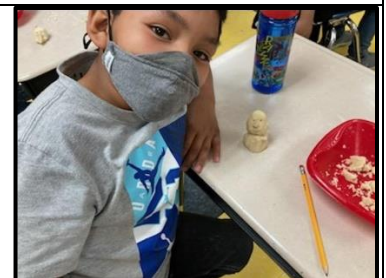
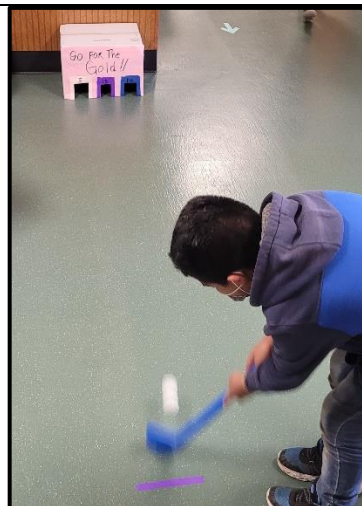
Launching bottle rockets with our Newcomers class.



Newcomer class students helping retrieve and launch rockets at the football field.



Students playing an Office Olympics Golf Game!



Students creating sculptures from the “moon sand” they made (1/4 cup of veg. oil per 2 cups of cooking flour). Try it at home!



A Gervais Summer School Olympian!



Students showing off their art work as they learned about plants.



5<sup>th</sup>-graders using a swinging paint can to create some fantastic modern art!



The individual canvases are all numbered, 1-48, and will be reassembled in order and displayed outside the office later this summer.



Students using tablets to code and wirelessly control their Sphero robots.





Students enjoying a field trip to St. Louis Ponds. They conducted an ecological study, building food webs and learning about biotic and abiotic factors in the ecosystem.

If you have any questions about GSD Summer School, please write to [Creighton\\_Helms@gervais.k12.or.us](mailto:Creighton_Helms@gervais.k12.or.us) or call the Elementary School office at (503) 792-3803 x1020. Thank you!