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Dear Parents of Blue Door,

Hello! This week we learned about Japan. During Circle Time, the teacher showed the children a picture of Japan's flag and photographs of traditional Japanese clothing. The Japanese Pond Turtle, Sea Lion, and the Sika Deer are some of the animals in Japan.

For art and music, the children danced and listened to Japanese music. We sparked it up by marching around with musical instruments. Making the flag of Japan was a blast; they colored the inside of a circle with a red marker in the middle of a white paper. They also created a paper plate hand fan which was lots of fun to make. The children were given half of a paper plate, then colored it with their marker choice and decorated each fan using mosaic squares. The teachers helped glue two craft sticks on the fan. Using red crayons, the children colored a white construction paper. The red color represents the red dot in the middle of the Japanese flag.

As we were playing on the playground, we practiced gross motor skills. The children threw the ball to one another, went up and down the stairs on the playground equipment, ran after bubbles, and practiced jumping in place. Gross motor skills let us complete tasks that involve large muscles in our torso, arms, and legs. They involve whole-body movement. We use gross motor skills for all parts of physical activities, from running to raking leaves. They involve coordination of the muscles and neurological system.

As the summer is coming to an end, we wanted to thank all of the parents for making this summer so fantastic! As we go into the last week of summer, we will be traveling to Antarctica and switching out our flip-flops for some snow boots! The children will learn about the marvelous culture of Antarctica. Next week we will be having a short week due to staff professional development. On Thursday, we will close at 2:30, and we will not open on Friday.

We hope you enjoy all the pictures of your child having a great time here at camp sent through Brightwheel. Parents, please wash your child's blanket to be returned to school on Monday. PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING that belongs to your child. If you send in extra clean clothes, the bag should have their name on it, blankets and pillows as well. Thanks once again for all of your help and support.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Cindy

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