

WEEK OF JUNE 27- JULY 1, 2016
(LA SECONDA SETTIMANA)

CAMPO ESTIVO HIGHLIGHTS
AT CASA ITALIA



This week's themes: Nature/Ecology, Italian Monuments, & Ancient Rome
Natura/Ecologia, Monumenti Italiani, & L'Impero Romano

Campers of different age groups:

- ❖ Participated in a program called Citizen Scientists in Action presented by the Cook County Forest Preserve. On Wednesday, campers took a field trip to Busse Woods and learned about different science projects. They enjoyed many activities such as bird watching, coyote tracking via telemetric waves, and identification and removal of invasive plants. With the use of Ipad they also partook in a scavenger hunt discovering twelve different animals, their unique shelters, and growth cycles. (Groups 2 and 3)
- ❖ Made their own binoculars and took a nature walk on Casa Italia grounds. While exploring, they were introduced to nature related Italian vocabulary. (Group 1)
- ❖ Made the Italian flag out of pasta (group 1) and learned the significance of each color.
- ❖ Created a craft and enjoyed comparing two important national holidays: La Festa della Repubblica (June 2) and Independence Day (July 4).
- ❖ Took a fictional trip to Rome and conducted an onsite excavation of Roman monuments. With the use of found artifacts, they obtained a better understanding of Ancient Roman life, civilization, and contributions/legacies that Romans left behind. It was a wonderful morning full of fun and discovery for all!
- ❖ Hosted and shared a presentation on an Italian monument of their choice.
- ❖ Enjoyed watching the last phase of the butterfly life cycle. These beautiful insects, which were so well taken care of since the beginning of camp, were finally released on Friday.
- ❖ Reviewed beginning concepts of the Italian language and acquired new vocabulary pertaining to Roman numerals, the calendar, colors, weather, and shapes.
- ❖ Practiced Italian songs to be performed during the end-of-the-season program.
- ❖ Continued to enjoy swimming, fun outdoor games, gardening, soccer, volleyball, bocce, and vocabulary related table games (tombola).
- ❖ Loved the very delicious food prepared by Camp Chef Mirella, and appreciated the continued assistance given daily by the camp counselors.

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