

WEEK OF JUNE 18-22, 2018

(La Prima Settimana)

Campo Estivo Highlights At Casa Italia



This week's themes: Nature (Plants & Butterfly Life Cycle), Traditional Italian theater, the Palio of Siena
Natura (Piante, Ciclo Vitale della Farfalla), Commedia dell'arte, il Palio di Siena

Campers of different age groups:

- ❖ Were introduced to beginning concepts of the Italian language and learned Italian vocabulary pertaining to plants, nature, and family.
- ❖ Have greatly enjoyed their daily time on the waterslides (scivolo d'acqua).
- ❖ Tended to a vegetable and herb garden (orto di erbe e verdure).
- ❖ Enjoyed many sports and games such as: bocce, chess (scacchi), soccer (calcio), and tombola.
- ❖ Toured Casa Italia's Sicilian Heritage Museum, Calabresi in America Museum, Italians in Chicago Exhibit, Florence B. Roselli Library, John Cadel Art Gallery, Scalabrinian Museum, and the 1-100 scale model of Saint Peter's Square and Basilica located in Rome.
- ❖ Started learning some character poses from the Commedia dell'arte with groups 3, 4, and 5.
- ❖ Were introduced to the regions of Italy and basic geography concepts. Groups 4 and 5 did geography games and groups 1, 2, and 3 did art projects on the Italian flag, its colors, and/or what they each represent.
- ❖ Hosted a Palio of Siena on Friday afternoon. We focused on Siena's many districts (contrade), and the kids invented their own contrada names and motto or chant.
- ❖ Welcomes our special guest, George, a structural engineer, who came and helped groups 3, 4, and 5 build a camera obscura, one of the inventions that Leonardo Da Vinci perfected. Da Vinci is going to be one of our ongoing themes this year. More projects will be coming!



On behalf of everyone involved in Casa Italia's Campo Estivo, we would like to extend our warmest welcome to you and to the campers. We are very excited to have finished our first week of camp together and to watch your children learn Italian in the most natural and fun way. A special thank-you to Giovanni and Alessandra, our returning counselors, and to Margherita, Betta, Alessandro, and Alberto, our visiting Italian counselors. They are very excited to be in the United States as part of our summer camp program. Elizabeth Fiedler (Ph.D.) has joined the staff leadership team and will also be conducting the Italian language instruction for groups #4 and #5.

VISION STATEMENT

To create an immersion environment where campers will be exposed to the basic concepts of the Italian language and will also be inspired to love its wonderful culture and traditions.

MISSION STATEMENT

To guide and teach campers to acquire basic conversational Italian language skills and/or advance their Italian speaking abilities. The campers will experience it all in a very natural, fun, and exciting way this summer at Casa Italia.



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