Class Highlights – Journey to the Rainforest
June 27-July 8 (no camp on July 4)

Groups: Huskies and Bulldogs

Drama/Storymaking with Dora Lanier
Hippity Hop, Flippity Flit, and Swingedy Swing – let’s take a closer look at the frogs, butterflies, and monkeys who call the rainforest home. In Drama we’ll make paper bag puppets and act out the story of The Big Mouthed Frog. In Storymaking we’ll use our senses to create butterfly shape poetry, witty monkey dialogue, and frog on a log rhymes. We’ll also take time to explore “under the canopy” and investigate rain forest animals.

Art/Science with Clara Hanson
We’re off to the rainforest! As artists and explorers we will dive into the wonderful layers of biodiversity. We’ll learn about the critters that make the layers of the rainforest their home and create art pieces based on our explorations!

Groups: Bison, Tigers, Rams and Hawks

Art with Shari Kaufman
Tall trees, warm climates, and lots of rain-exotic places - Africa, Asia, South America, Olympic Peninsula? Yes! We have our very own rain forest just a few hours away from Seattle –The Hoh Rain Forest is the largest one in our whole country! We’ll draw, paint, sculpt and build our way in and around the forest as we look at the plants and animals that live there. Bring your imagination and be prepared to create!

Drama with Angela Kelley
We will explore the mystical land of a rainforest in Australia. Join us as we create fantastic characters, and an amazing larger than life environment. We will rehearse and perform our own adaptation inspired by the heartwarming story Fern Gully, The Last Rainforest.

Storymaking with Mercedes Diggs
Come explore the rich habitat layers of the rain forest! How does so much plant and animal life exist in harmony in one place? Using games, pictures, science vocabulary, and your imagination, we’ll make stories about the four ecosystems of the rain forest (The Forest Floor, The Understory, The Canopy, and The Emergent), and a collaborative rain forest story to experience our own creative harmony.

Science with Julie Schmick
No umbrellas needed! We will look at the layers of the rain forest and what life can be found in each. Our first stop will be to the famous Amazon Rain Forest in South America. What wonderful and unusual life will we find there? Then we will jump over to the Daintree Rain Forest in Queensland, Australia. We will find some of the oldest plant life here. Our final stop will be in our own backyard and a look at the Pacific Temperate Rain Forest where we will focus on the Hoh Rain Forest in the Olympic Peninsula. Join us as we discover who lives in these regions, the importance of rain forests, and use a variety of tools to makes our own replications of a rain forest.
Groups: Bears, Panthers, Eagles and Lions

Art with Nicole Appell and Alisha Dall’Osto
Explore the ecology of tropical and temperate rainforests through mixed media sculpture, drawing, and painting. Stretch your imagination, express yourself, and practice observation skills. Come join the fun as we investigate the many plants and animals that can be found in these complex ecosystems.

Creative Writing with Andrea Johnson
We will adventure into unknown territory to uncover pathways, and swing with the animals, journaling as we go. Did you know that rainforests only cover about 6% the total surface on the earth, but about 50% of plants and animals on earth live there! We will create stories as explorers, investigating this magical ecosystem. We may even discover new species! The Amazon rainforest is one of our largest natural resources, think of all the species we could observe! If you listen hard you may hear a howler monkey 3 miles away!!!

Drama with Terence Kelley
Bagheera, Mowgli, Baloo and of course Shere Khan! That’s right. It's Rudyard Kipling's immortal classic The Jungle Book! Adventure mystery and beauty! Your child will re-create this epic saga and bring out their inner rain forest Jungle beast. Is that a Python I see? Look out here comes King Louie! Who knows we might even learn the secret to "man's red flower." Parents are invited to join, if they dare. It's a roaring good time!

Science with Sidney Deering
The amazing abundance of life in the Rain Forest creates an environment that requires all plant and animal species to become specialized in their strategies for survival, because the competition for these resources is so great. Come learn about some of those unbelievable adaptations in this supply and demand habitat. We will also investigate the rain forests in our own backyard: the rain forests of the Olympic Peninsula, and perhaps some of the UW’s unique gardens.

KIDS IN MOTION with Nessa Goldman (All Groups)
This session we will see just how sneaky we can be. How quietly can we move? How quickly can we move? How quietly can we move while going quickly? We will engage in pursuits that will highlight the balance between speed and silence. Kids will test their agility and flexibility through games and activities. Challenges will range from cooperative to independent and everyone will have an opportunity to discover their strengths.