Jay Summer Fieldtrips 2014

**Week 1 – Friday, June 27**

**Emerald Park**
We will head over to Emerald Park off of River Road for the first trip of the summer! While at the park, we will play on the structures there as well as take our own field toys from Moss Street. For lunch we’ll have a great picnic provided by our wonderful cook Sigrid, and then just relax and enjoy nature under the trees! I love this park as a first adventure because there is lots to do, it is close to home if people get tired, and it is a great place for us to get to know our new Jay Room classmates.

**Week 2 – Friday, July 4**
Moss Street Closed for Independence Day. No fieldtrip this week.

**Week 3—Friday, July 11**

**Waterboard Park at Leaburg Dam**
Leaburg Dam and Waterboard Park is located up the McKenzie River about 20 miles outside of Springfield and is one of our favorite fieldtrip locations! Even though this park is on the river, we will not play in water on this trip due to the many fisherpeople that use this same spot. The fun of the dam is the EWEB supported park that is around the Fish Hatchery! We will check out the dam, explore the hatchery and the fish pond full of rainbow trout and sturgeon. We will also play some games and hunt some letterboxes. We never run out of things to do here!

**Week 4—Friday, July 18**

**Shotgun Creek**
Shotgun Creek is a beautifully maintained park outside of Marcola. It offers a creek to explore, a playground, open fields to chase butterflies in, letterboxes to find, and a sandy beach.

**Week 5 – Friday, July 25**

**Armitage Park**
We will head to Armitage Park, which is out Coburg Road, to enjoy a fun activity that is new to many of us- Letterboxing! For those who have never heard of letterboxing, it is a hobby that started many years ago in England and has a great following here in the Eugene area. To letterbox, I go online and find clues to stamps that people have made and hidden. With these
clues the children and the adults find stamps that are hidden (there are many in this park!) Then they stamp the stamp we found in a book to keep. Next, we use a stamp from Moss Street to stamp and leave, so those who hid the stamp know someone found it! We have done it many times and the kids just love it! We often make stamps of our own to hide too!

Week 6—Friday, August 1st

McDowell Creek Waterfall Explore and Fairy World
This is one of the original trips I started taking Moss Street kids to way back in 1999- and it’s still a favorite. There are 3 waterfalls that can be “hiked” to that are less than a mile from the trailhead. All are beautiful, powerful, and kid safe! Along with the beauty, local lore has developed over the years about a group of fairies who live by the last waterfall and like to play tricks on us! During the week leading up to this fieldtrip, the children often work on making fairy dolls of their own. The dolls then disappear during the week, “magically” reappearing as we hike to the last waterfall! They leave us notes along the way and usually at the end some art supplies for us to keep! It is a great day!

Week 7 – Friday, Aug 8th

Heceta Beach and Heceta Head Lighthouse
This week is our trip to Heceta Beach on the Oregon coast! This is a trip with so much to do we always run out of time! While on the beach we will visit the tide pools, build in the sand with the driftwood, paint seascapes, play by the creek that runs into the ocean. For those who want to, we can make the hike up the hill to the lighthouse and take a tour, but that’s up to the children, and they can also choose to stay on the beach! Often we divide up into 2 groups (one hiking and one on the beach) and we are connected by walkie-talkies.

Week 8—Friday, Aug 15th

Enchanted Forest
Enchanted Forest, located just south of Salem, is a perpetual kid favorite! We explore a little in the morning and go see the play before lunch. After lunch we explore the rest of the park and ride a few rides. We end our day panning for gold!