

## Themes and Activities:

Our 2023 Summer Camp Theme will be devoted to the reading of “**The Greatest Stories Ever Told.**”

### JUNE

#### Animal Antics

6/12-6/23

We'll begin our journey in literature with the exciting chases, escapes, some clever scheming, and zany personalities that we encounter in stories like *The Jungle Book*, *The Lion King*, *Peter Rabbit*, *Winnie the Pooh* and more. We will read of true heroic animal tales and touching stories that reflect the care and reverence we all have for creatures great and small.

#### Tall Tales & Legends

6/26-7/7

Our adventures continue by going back to the days when tales were tall and legends mysteriously engaging. Ancient (and not-so-ancient!) cultures provide a rich tapestry of stories used to explain real events and circumstances. Listening to *Johnny Appleseed* talk about his courageous travels, hearing about *Paul Bunyan's* magnificent exploits, stories about love lost and cities conquered and marveling at the legends around the *Sword & the Stone* are among the highlights of this session.

### JULY

#### Under the Sea

7/10-7/21

In this session we will plunge into the depths of the ocean, perhaps as far as *20,000 leagues*, in search of splashing adventures with *The Little Mermaid*, *Rainbow Fish*, *Finding Nemo* and others.

#### Fairy Tales

7/24-8/4

Next, we will enter the enchanted world of make believe where they tell us all our dreams really do come true! From ugly ducklings and clever pigs to hard working red hens this will be our grand opportunity to reminisce with the first stories we ever made Mom and Dad re-read! We will have front row seats as we listen to the captivating escapades of *Beauty and the Beast*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Cinderella* and *Peter Pan* to name a few.

### AUGUST

#### Heroes

8/7-8/11

We will wrap up our summer adventure through literacy with thrilling and inspiring chronicles of heroic tales such as *Robin Hood*, *The Little Hero of Haarlem*, and more.

**Field Trips:** Besides swimming every day at Camp Good Beginnings and three in-house guests, we have plans to go to the Franklin Water Park, Frying Pan Farm Park, Loudoun County Animal Shelter, the new Hal & Bernie Hanson Park and more!