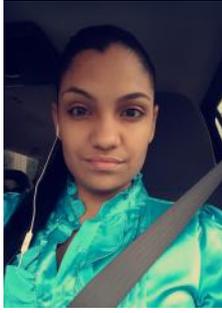


# Cats Summer Camp

## Session 2, Sally the Climbing Tree



### Welcome to summer!

Your educators for this second session of the summer, are Ms. Veronica Careaga (CT Cat's educator), Ms. Claritza Castillo (GP Cat's Educator) and Ms. Patrice Daniels (Support Educator). We will also have music with Ms. Mel on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:45am to 10:15am for the second half of the session.

### Declaration of Intent:

Interconnectedness with Nature and Ecology:

Inspired by our recent tour of Reggio Emilia, this summer we at GPCP will continue our focus on exploring the ways in which our core values intersect with the children's interest in nature. Our intent reflects the continued commitment to the wellbeing of our community. We will foster experiences that embrace interconnected values and concepts such as curiosity, respect, empathy, process and growth, relationships, and research. The research question that will guide our investigations asks, what are the different processes children devise to interpret the interconnectedness within nature and ecology?

### The Story of Sally the Climbing Tree

In the middle of a field in Grant Park is a lovely dogwood tree that the children enjoy climbing. The children have told and acted out many stories about Sally. They also would draw and play with their friend Sally.

Through years of seasonal observations surrounding Sally, the children have discovered the natural community around the park. For this session, children will deepen their knowledge on trees through research of

leaves, tree skins and branches. We will explore tree construction and growth by assembling our own trees. Children will also be encouraged to add into the story of Sally and her community of friends through investigative field trips and research documentation. There will be walking field trips to Sally.



**Parent Involvement:** Although Parent Helper days are not required during summer camp, parents are required to provide snacks. **Snack assignments will be available a week before each session and can be found on the Preschool Camp page of the website.**

Please plan to provide a healthy, nutritious snack for the entire class on your assigned days. If you have any questions about this please contact Claritza or Veronica. Please consider signing up for at least one parent helper day. The participation of parents enriches the quality of the work and your presence is missed by children and educators during summer! A signup calendar will be posted!

**What to Bring:** Each child should have a labeled water cup or bottled water with them each day. Also, make sure your child has two sets of extra clothes and underwear if needed on site and wears comfortable shoes (also labeled). If your child is in pull-ups, please provide pull-ups and wipes for them each week. We will be field-tripping to Ecosystem Farm on Mondays and to the GPCP garden as often as possible so, please remember to sign field trip forms!  
Please apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child before coming to school, and we will re-apply halfway through the full day with school purchased sunscreen and bug spray.

Thank you and we look forward to a fun session with our child!

Claritza, Veronica and Patrice

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