

# Ladybugs Summer Camp Session I

## Mulberry

### Interconnectedness with Nature and Ecology

Inspired by our trip to Reggio Emilia, GPCP will 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?

### Mulberry

Mulberry is the beloved water oak tree who stands tall in the center of Cabbagetown Park. Through years of storytelling surrounding Mulberry, the children have discovered the many fairy tale creatures who live in and around the park. There are the Fairies, who comfort



Mulberry through seasonal changes and deliver

messages to the children by way of golden leaves; a troll, named Art Count Fishbottom, who lives in the drainage pipes and only comes out to enjoy the company of his close friends the butterflies, and last but not least there's Abiyoyo, our resident giant who enjoys writing letters to the children and living in the bamboo forest.

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 offered to add into the story of Mulberry and her community of friends through fairly play and constructing fairy homes.

We are welcoming Ms. Anna Lee Williams (CT Ladybug's Educator) who joins the team with Ms. Elizabeth Stearns (GP Ladybug's Educator) and Ms. Clara Castillo (GP and CT Spanish Educator).

We will have music with Ms. Mel on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:15 to 10:45

### 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. Two of the children enrolled in summer camp have a severe sesame allergy, so please do not provide any snack that contains any trace of sesame, including hummus.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to communicate with us directly by emailing us at: [annalee.williams@gpcp.org](mailto:annalee.williams@gpcp.org) , [elizabeth.stearns@gpcp.org](mailto:elizabeth.stearns@gpcp.org) and [clara.castillo@gpcp.org](mailto:clara.castillo@gpcp.org)

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 packed for their camp 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 diapers, please provide diapers and wipes for them each week.

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!  
-Anna Lee, Elizabeth and Clara