

DAISY'S DOODLES

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Notes for kids from Daisy the Camp Dog

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Dear Camp Friend - My name is Daisy Doodle, and I miss you at CAMP!



*I like to play with ground squirrels.
I dig in the dirt with them.*

Did you know?

It can take nature hundreds of years to make soil. There are different layers in soil. They come from rocks and living and dead matter (like leaves, mushrooms, insects, and bacteria). Air and water are also a part of soil.

Change is hard

Right now, everything is a little different for everybody. It's hard to not see our friends and not do all the things we like to do. But we know it is important to stay healthy and help other people be healthy, too.

Doing new things can be fun

Part of the fun of Camp is that it is different from other things we usually do. Have you tried something new and fun while you are home? How about having a picnic dinner on a blanket right on the floor of your living room? Or building a fort with blankets and chairs - or even outside? Maybe a fairy garden in a bowl?

Try a fun activity that teaches you about nature. You can start with the one I have for you on the next page.

Let me know what you are doing

I miss seeing and hearing all the people having fun at Camp. I know you miss lots of things, too.

I want to know what you are doing and what you like about Camp. Please send me your artwork, photos, letters, poems, or stories so we can stay connected. Send them to me, Daisy-Doodle, at the address or email at the bottom of the activity page.

Since we can't have in-person camp this Summer, we need to think of new ways to have "Pretend Camp" No, it's not the same as sleep-over camp, but new things are fun, too. Remember? Can you let me know what you do to pretend you are at camp?



Have fun making and learning about dirt

Before you make this yummy experiment, find some information about soil layers. After you eat it, go outside in a safe place and run around. Then find some soil to examine.

Edible Soil

What you need: Just like soil is different in different places, your ingredients can vary, depending on what you have. Be creative.

- A clear glass or plastic cup (8 to 12-ounce size)
- Chocolate and butterscotch chips or jellybeans
- Pudding, yogurt, or ice cream
- Cookies (Oreos, chocolate chip, oatmeal or other), smashed in a zip-top bag
- Chocolate sprinkles or fine chopped chocolate chips
- Graham cracker (or other cookie) crumbs
- Shredded coconut, chopped nuts or seeds, colored sprinkles, broken pretzels
- Gummy worms or Red Vines or licorice cut in pieces

What you do: Create soil layers using your ingredients. Make each layer about ½ to one inch deep. Remember you do not need to use the exact ingredients listed above.

- Wash your hands
- Place the chips or jellybeans in the bottom of the glass
- Layer the pudding, yogurt, or ice cream on top
- Add a layer of smashed cookies
- Mix chocolate sprinkles or chopped chocolate with cookie crumbs, and make another layer with them
- Top with shredded coconut, chopped nuts, colored sprinkles, and pretzels
- Push gummy worms into soil
- See if you can identify each layer of soil
- Eat your creation
- Run around
- Dig in the dirt
- Wash your hands
- Brush your teeth
- Let me know what you learned and how you liked your dirt



I love playing in
the dirt with
squirrels, balls,
and kids.

Litter and Duff-
non-decomposed
organic matter
(coconut, colored
sprinkles, pretzels)

Humus-
decomposed organic
matter
(chocolate sprinkles
and cookie crumbs)

Topsoil-minerals
and decomposed
organic matter
(Smashed cookies)

Subsoil-rocks and
minerals
(pudding, ice cream)

Bedrock – large
rocks and boulders
(chips or jellybeans)

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