



# "Around the World" *with*



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## Family Newsletter *June 28, 2026*

### Family Reminders!!!

- **HOLIDAY CLOSURE:**

- There is **no program** *next* Monday, July 6th.

- **DRESS CODE:**

- Youth should wear their **school uniform bottoms** and either a **Big Buddy T-shirt** or **school uniform shirt** every day.
- On **field trip days**, youth should wear their **Big Buddy Field Trip Shirt** with school bottoms.

- **AFTERNOON PICK UP:**

- Program ends promptly at 4:30 PM.
- Youth who are not riding the bus need to be **picked up no later than 5:00 PM** when program site closes.

Please review the Summer 2026 Parent Handbook [HERE](#) on our Summer Program page (scroll to the bottom of the page).

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## Week 4 Country Theme

### Brazil



*A picture of the Brazilian flag.*



*A map of South America showing Brazil's location.*

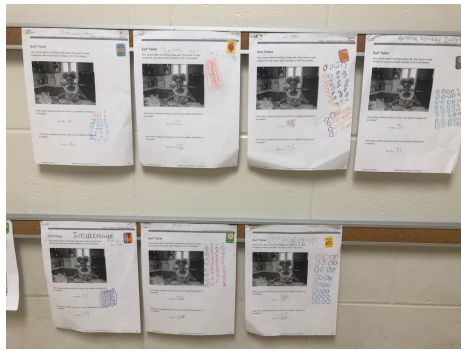
#### ABOUT BRAZIL

- Brazil is the largest country in South America, known for its vast rainforests, vibrant culture, diverse wildlife, beautiful beaches, strong economy, rich history, Portuguese language, famous soccer tradition, and the Amazon River.
- Brazil's national animal is the Jaguar and the national tree is the Brazilwood tree.
- Brazil has a population of about 212 million people, making it significantly smaller than the United States, which has about 340 million people.

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## Week 3 Activities

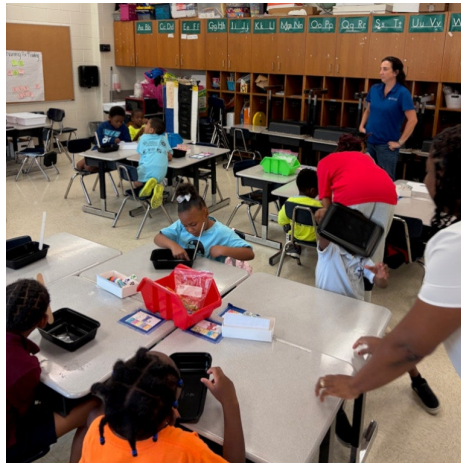
In Week 4, students engaged in academic readings and math lessons tied to the country of Brazil. Students also engaged in enrichment activities like making carnival masks, Portuguese lessons during academic time, and making traditional Brazilian cheese bread, called *Pão de Queijo* in culinary enrichment.



### **Celtic Marine Craft Day**

Celtic Marine volunteers spent time at Progress Elementary, facilitating a special craft day in which youth learned about cargo ships, bouyancy, and the impact of pollution on the ocean. Youth decorated their own vessels and tested their floating capabilities with different types of "cargo" like rocks and cotton balls.





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## Week 4's Field Trips

**Elementary School** youth went to the Celebrity Theaters and saw Toy Story 5!



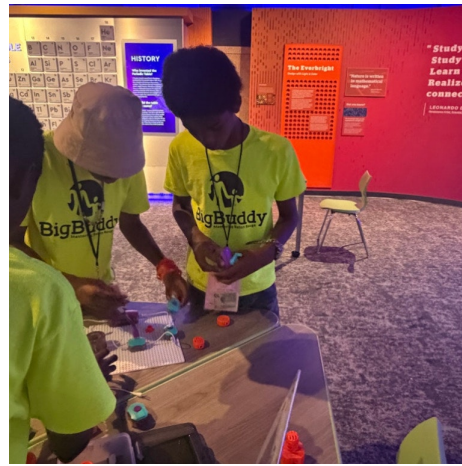




**Middle School** field trips included the Louisiana Art and Science Museum (LASM) and Celebrity Theaters. At LASM, youth enjoyed the Earth, Moon, and Sun show in the Irene W. Pennington Planetarium. They also explored the Solar System Gallery and participated in hands-on learning activities at the STEM Station! At Celebrity Theaters, youth enjoyed relaxing, snacking on popcorn, and watching Toy Story 5.







## Coming Up Next Week (Week 5)...

We look forward to Week 5 as we cross the pond and explore the history, culture, and traditions of England!

**England**





*United Kingdom flag in front of Westminster Abbey and iconic Big Ben clock.*

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