

# THURSDAY SEASIDE SCIENCE PROGRAMS

## AT THE PROJECT PUFFIN VISITOR CENTER

1:00PM TO 2:00PM

### JULY

**July 12: A Peak at Beaks!** • Kids will investigate through experimentation how fat and feathers keep birds warm and how different beaks excel at catching different types of food. Each child will then create his/her own bird and will explain what adaptations the bird possesses in order to survive.

**July 19: Learning to be a Scientist** • Participants will learn all birds have identifying field marks. In groups of 3 or 4, kids will work together to solve bird puzzles featuring seabirds. After piecing the puzzles together, they will be given the opportunity to sketch a bird (which will include field marks). After all drawings are complete, the class will have to identify the type of backyard bird each person sketched.

**July 26: TBA**

### AUGUST

**August 2: Make and Take** • Kids will learn how common household materials can be recycled to make bird feeders, bird houses, and bird baths. We will also discuss how planting common seeds is an easy way to provide a natural food source for birds. Kids will then be given the opportunity to plant seeds in their own container, which they can take home and plant in their own yard.

**August 9: Tearing Paper; Making Art** • Art comes in many forms and there are many ways in which to be artistic. In this class the technique of tearing paper to create a collage will be explored. Examples of this technique will be studied and then participants will be given the opportunity to create their own collage using torn paper.

**August 16: The Marine Ecosystem** • Puffins are just one part of the larger ocean community. Kids will create a complex food web where each participant will play the parts of marine plants and animals and see the interconnectedness. Each person will also create their own food chain mobile.