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## Tick Tock Takes a Strasburg Field Trip

Tick Tock Early Learning Center summer campers took their first field trip of the season last Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Forty-five excited children donned in their blue Tick Tock jerseys and their matching backpacks, loaded a big yellow school bus and headed for a ride on the train at Strasburg Railroad. (After all, a train engine is the icon of the center!)

Following a road trip past fields of wheat and corn, rolling Chester County hills and Amish farms, the campers boarded a velvet seat-covered passenger car of a restored steam powered locomotive replete with a steam whistle and conductor for a 45 minute journey through the Lancaster County farmland.

On the return to the station, the group was dropped off at a picnic grove next to the tracks for all to enjoy a sandwich lunch at a picnic grove with a beautiful view. However, the scenery paled in comparison to the playground with its merry-go-round and teeter totters! Full but tired campers again boarded the train just before the rain came to soak them all.

Arguably the highlight of the journey was the twice siting of Thomas the Tank Engine with his caboose sitting on a sidling next to the track. But one student indeed had the best quote of the day, "Why do we have to leave?"

