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# Ms. Hahn's Classroom Newsletter

## Math

During math this week the students finished the math book. Please keep that at home. Any math pages not completed can be done as extra practice this summer. Next week we will review concepts by playing a variety of math games.

## Word Work

We have done our last list for the year. Please keep the word work journal at home.

Monday will be the final test on high frequency words for the year.

## Earthkeepers

Not all students turned in their Earthkeeper assignments. I will take the assignments on Monday, but no later. If your child does not turn in the assignment, he/she will not get an Earthkeeper key.

The ceremony for the final Earthkeeper key will be June 2 at the beach.

## Field Day

Monday the students will be outside for a large portion of the morning. Your child **MUST** bring a water bottle. I recommend having your child wear sunscreen. Please help your child dress for the weather.

## Science

The students finished up their weather project this week. They made a graph of historical data, created a tri-fold, answered weather questions, and gave a presentation. The students also reported on weather related hazards from that area.

## Reading

This past week a letter about your child's reading was stapled in the assignment notebook. There is also the information about how to login to Raz kids.

This week the students finished the Native American book assigned last week. We will finish one last project with this book next week.

This past week the student read Thundercakes. Then we looked for the most important events to chart the rising and falling action. They also completed a story chart about the book where they identified the theme. An opinion writing prompt about the book was also given.

## Empty Backpacks

Please remind your child to clean out his/her backpack daily. There are many papers and supplies coming home during this last week of school. Your child might want to bring an extra bag to school to carry the extra things coming home.

## Illinois Beach State Park Field Trip

I am looking forward to the trip to the beach. Students can bring a towel to sit on while at the beach. We will not have students getting wet. They will be allowed to explore the beach, look for rocks, and play in the sand.

On this trip we will be hiking, journaling, visiting the nature center, exploring the beach, and awarding the S key.

To bring: water bottle, snack, lunch that does not need to be microwaved, towel, backpack, small sand toys, small kites

To wear: comfortable shoes, sunscreen, hat, weather appropriate clothes

### Summer Brain Games – Free ticket to Museum of Science and Industry

<http://www.msichicago.org/programs/summer-brain-games>

From the website

Summer Brain Games provides eight weeks of free and fun at-home science experiments designed to combat the "summer brain drain," when kids lose months of critical learning. The free online activity guide features weekly experiments with step-by-step instructions. This year, we'll blast off and explore space with activities that are easily done at home with kids of all ages (and a little adult supervision).

## Upcoming Events

June 1- Field Day

June 2- Field Trip Illinois Beach

June 3- Farm To Table, lunch/recess 11:40-12:40

June 5- Last Day of School, Early Release, PBIS celebration

## Summer Enrichment Ideas

In the past parents have asked for ideas of what to do over the summer. Here is a list of some ideas.

- <http://www.grps.org/grasp> This is an at home summer school program. You send in a weekly assignment to be graded.
- Check your local library for summer reading programs.
- Workbook, Summer Bridge Activities 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Visit a National Park, <http://www.nationalparks.org/look/every-kid-in-a-park>
- Practice flash cards to memorize math facts.
- Check out these websites

<http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<https://jr.brainpop.com/>

<http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/pages/studentlinks/map/>

<http://www.typing.com/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

<http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us/ro/pages/studentlinks/map/reading.htm>