



Save the Date!

June 6th 8th Grade Lock-in
June 9th Moving Up Ceremonies, Field Day and
Student Talent Show at 2:00pm (This end of year celebration is for students and staff only)
June 11th 8th Grade Graduation at 6:30pm

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

This is our last newsletter of the 2013-2014 school year. I cannot thank you all enough for all the support you have given to our school, to our students, to our staff, and to our families! We appreciate you choosing to send your children to Paideia Academy, and I hope you know that, every day, every staff member here not only works to provide your children with an excellent education, but also to make sure that they leave with smiles on their faces.

We will miss those smiles over the summer.

It has been a truly wonderful year at Paideia Academy! Some of our school's major accomplishments this year include:

- 5-Year reauthorization of our charter!!
- High-Quality Charter School designation from the Minnesota Department of Education
- Approval of a Staff Evaluation Process for 2014-2015
- Inclusion of family & student feedback in teacher evaluations
- Addition of new annual events
 - ◊ Field Day
 - ◊ 8th Grade Lock-In
 - ◊ Spirit Week
- Happy Students & Families (based on the 94 responses to our Spring Family Satisfaction Survey)
 - ◊ 88% overall satisfaction
 - ◊ 97% feel welcome in the Paideia community
 - ◊ 95% feel that Paideia supports their child's positive character development
 - ◊ 93% are satisfied or greater with our Academics
 - ◊ 84% are satisfied or greater with our Administration and Board of Directors
 - ◊ 86% are satisfied or greater with our Teaching Staff

At the end of my second year at Paideia, I feel proud of the work we have done and continue to do to make sure that we are providing your children with not just a great education, but one that helps them figure out who they are and who they want to be. I am excited about the work ahead of us, and I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you to ensure that Paideia Academy continues to perform and progress at high levels.

To the founders and the parents of our soon-to-be graduates, thank you so much for investing in the creation and care of Paideia! Your children have learned so much from being a part of a start-up organization nine years ago and actively taking part in its evolution. They have experienced, firsthand, the challenges of developing something from the ground up, and they will always know that you supported them in trying something different, experiencing something new. Thank you for your loyalty and devotion to Paideia Academy! You have made a difference for your own children as well as generations to come.

Thank you to all of you for entrusting your children into our care! We wish you a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

From the Office

Updated Moving Up, Field Day & Talent Show Plans

8:15-9:08am – Moving Up Ceremonies

This will be students' opportunity to meet their teachers for next year, tour their classrooms, and pre-view the major highlights of their upcoming grade levels!!! Please make sure that your child comes to school on time, and look for more information to come home with him/her that evening. It is sure to be a great opportunity for our teachers and our students as we begin to look forward to 2014-2015!

9:08-9:45am – Advisory Buddy Groups (Choose subgroup participants; fill water bottles; put on sunscreen; etc.)

9:45-10:30am – Activity #1

10:35-11:20am – Activity #2

11:25-12:10pm – Lunch for all

12:15-1:00pm – Activity #3

1:05-1:50pm – Activity #4

2:00-3:15pm – Talent Show (this event is a special event for staff and students only)

**Remember to bring
your water bottles and
dress in athletic wear on Monday!!!**

YEARBOOKS

All students who pre-ordered yearbooks will receive their copy on Monday. If you did not pre-order, you can still purchase a copy from the office. (Limited supply.) Yearbook price in \$20.

Report cards for Quarter 4 available in Schoolview at noon on June 9th.

Don't you just love the excitement of a parade?

Paideia Academy sure does! We are forming our Apple Valley Freedom Days 4th of July Parade Committee right now and we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in participating, please email Stephanie Abraham, Ch**8th Grade**

Math: Over the summer I would love for the students to continue working on their math skills. The students have access to IXL over the summer, whether they are working on this year's skills



Calling all creative minds!!

The Marketing Committee is considering using an altered school logo in celebration of our 10th Anniversary! We would like to see what ideas and logos you can come up with! This is not limited to students – parents, guardians, and staff members can get creative, too. Please submit your pictures and ideas to Tonya Lundstrom by June 9th – we have a Marketing Committee meeting that evening and will be discussing the logos submitted.

YMCA BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE REGISTRATION 2014/2015

Y care registration is available online OR paper form on the YMCA table in the Great Room and in the lobby area. \$50 registration fee is waived until June 23!

Mr. Leckband is training to run the Chicago Marathon through Team World

Vision. Team World Vision works to provide clean water for communities in Africa and Haiti.

Visit [Mr. Leckband's fundraising page](#) to find out more.

PTO News

June 6, 2014

**Thank you to
everyone
who
donated to
the Carnival!**

ATA Gleisner's Martial Arts
ABC Toy Zone
Abdallah Candies
Apple Valley Volleyball
Bed Bath & Beyond
Bloomington Theatre
Brave New Workshop
Breadsmith
Bruegger's Bagels
Brunswick Zone
Buca di Beppo
Buckles Forever
Build-A-Bear Workshop
Buffalo Wild Wings
Burnsville Ice Center
Byerly's
Carried Away Gift Baskets
Chanhassen Dinner Theatres
Cole's Salon
Cornerstone Chiropractic
Culver's
Dairy Queen
Dakota Electric
Dakota Floral
Droolin' Moose
Eclipse Laboratories
Famous Dave's
Gleason's Gymnastics
Grand Slam

Great Clips IMAX Theatre
Great Harvest Bread Co
Green Mill
Half Price Books
Heritage Links Golf Club
iAccessories
Jensen's Supper Club
Joke Joint Comedy Club
Kowalski's
KTIS Radio
Lakeville 21 Theater
Let's Dish
Lifetime Fitness
Lov4Pictures Photography
MacPhail
Marathon/River Country Co-op
Menard's
Minnesota Historical Society
Minnesota State Fair
Minnesota Twins
Minnesota Vikings
Minnesota Zoo
MN Renaissance Festival
MN Valley Gymnastics
MN Wild Hockey
Harvey Family
Old Chicago
Outback Steakhouse
Paradise Car Wash

Penn Cycle
Porter Creek
Pump it Up
Ella Stookey
Rich Valley Golf Course
Roasted Pear
Rudy's Grill in Rosemount
Salon Onyx
Schendel Family
Skateville
St. Paul Chamber Orchestra
St. Paul Saints
Stages Theater Company
TAGS Gymnastics
The Blast Indoor Playground
Three Rivers Park District
Valley Natural Foods
Valleywood Golf/Sedwick Family
Water Park of America
Wild Mountain Resort
Wildtree/Antoinette Stookey
Wise Swim School

**PTO Positions available
for 2014-2015**

President

Vice President

Secretary

***Fundraising
Coordinator***

***School Store
Coordinator***

Planning starts now!

Counselor's Corner

"Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you. "

A Message from your Counselors: Summer Send Off!

As we conclude another year here at Paideia, we'd like to wish you and your family a safe and fun-filled summer. We have enjoyed working with and getting to know your children, and look forward to working with them again next year!

Fun and Free Summer Ideas: Spending quality time with your child does not have to cost money. Sometimes things that are free have the most worth!

- Go to the park and pack a yummy lunch!
- Go fishing. Have your child learn about the different types of fish he or she could catch.
- Go biking or hiking.
- Take a walk around your neighborhood.
- Talk about your child's hopes for the upcoming school year.
- Go to your public library.
- Do community service. Pick up litter in a park, work in a shelter serving food, or contact someone to find out how you can give to a family in need.
- Teach your child how to cook or bake. Measuring and learning to follow recipe instructions is a great experience for children.
- Have your child keep a thoughts/feelings journal.

New and Noteworthy:

- June is Fireworks Safety Month
- June is National Safety Month
- June 5th is World Environment Day
- June 11th is Paideia's last day of school
- June 14th is Flag Day
- June 19 is Emancipation Day

ESL Program News!

Early ACCESS scores have arrived! Official ACCESS scores will be sent to districts later in the summer. The early ACCESS scores are to help determine placement and programming for the following school year.

I will be available to meet with individual families to go over these results. You should be receiving these results in the mail by next week. If you would like to meet with me about your student's ACCESS results, please contact me with a time that is convenient for you.

From the classrooms

Spanish:

Students can practice their Spanish over the summer by doing the following:

1. Visit the Paideia Spanish Classroom Page for links to a variety of free online resources for Spanish.
2. Review the words from the homework packet. They can make flashcards for the words (there is a glossary in the back of their packets) and play games such as a memory or go-fish with the flashcards.
3. Students may go to quia.com/web for activities such as a Battleship and Rags to Riches. Usernames and passwords are located in their homework packets.
4. Watch a movie in Spanish. On the menu page, select languages to see if the movie has an option for Spanish audio or subtitles.

(Upper Academy Only) Practice Spanish directly from our textbook online at classzone.com. Select the textbook 'Avancemos 1' to find online flashcards, self-check quizzes, animated grammar and more.

There is also a link on the page to ¡Conjuguemos! for verb practice.

Spanish resources to study:

<http://www.senorwooly.com/> includes the hit songs: Billy La Bufanda y Puedo ir al Bano?

<https://www.duolingo.com/> - Free application for learning Spanish on the computer and on your mobile devices. the class book's online resource filled with games, mini tests, flashcards, etc... :

<http://www.classzone.com/> (more specifically):

Visual Art

Upper Academy Summer Ideas:

Keep a visual journal or sketchbook. Draw, write, collage etc. every day of your summer break keeping a visual record of what you did.

Visit local art museum and venues: Minneapolis Institute of Art, Walker Art Center, Walker Sculpture Garden, Weiseman Art Museum (U of M Campus), The Museum of Russian Art, American Swedish Institute, local city art festivals (Eagan, Lakeville)...you can even do your own #hashtags!

Take a local art class in surrounding city.

Draw, draw and draw some more– the foundation of all art is knowing how to draw!

Lower Academy Summer Ideas:

Start a journal or sketchbook. Use objects with texture and create a crayon rubbing. Then add your own details using marker. Draw things you see, draw things your dream about, and draw things from your imagination. Draw with a friend and take turns adding one line at a time until you have a complete drawing.

Cardboard boxes make great beginnings for sculptures, and so does sticky beach-sand! Use what you have to create something new!

Visit local art museums (see above), but also notice art in unexpected places, like the zoo or mall.

Sketch what you see or take a picture. Add it to your sketchbook.

Volunteer Opportunities: Thank you to all who helped the art room this year! We appreciate all you have done and continue to do to make our school great!

Announcements: If you have yet to see the final mobile, be sure to stop in the Great Room and check it out!

Technology

We (Mrs. Ekrem and Mr. Grover) want to thank you for the opportunity we have had to work with your children this school year! The technology students have used this year has been exciting and varied and we have enjoyed every minute of teaching your child. Paideia's students enjoy using technology in the classroom and frequently request to use it more, which, of course, we love to hear! Progress reports on Paideia's Technology Standards will come home on Monday with students. These are not included in student report cards but are instead intended to gauge where students are on the technology spectrum (see below for key).

Please note students will have access to IXL, Lexia and Type to Learn 4 accounts over the summer!

Email mekrem@paideiaacademy.org for password assistance. Here are our favorite projects from this school year:

Kindergarten: Creating pictures in Paint

First Grade: Class Alphabet Books

Second Grade: Insect Research and PowerPoints

Third Grade: Astronomy Glogs

Fourth Grade: Keyboarding Lessons

Fifth Grade: Paideia Poll Pie Charts (Pie Charts in Excel)

Sixth Grade: Graphing Equations in Math

Seventh Grade: Inheritance Project (Graphing in Excel)

Eighth Grade: Career Research and Presentations

Examples of projects can be found here: <http://www.paideiaacademy.org/page.php?ID=2488>

E = Exceeds

M = Meets

P = Partially Meets

D = Does Not Meet

If you have questions regarding your student's progress related to technology, please contact us via phone or e-mail by Wednesday June 11th!

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Andy Grover, agrover@paideiaacademy.org x 217

Music

Kindergarten-3rd Grade

Over the summer continue to work on developing a high, light singing voice. Follow bubbles from high to low on “ooo” or sing along with your favorite songs or Disney movies. Seek out local summer concerts: there are many free music in the park concerts around the area! The world around us is inherently musical: discover and discuss musical sounds in nature, animals, etc. Happy Summer!

Upper Academy Music

Students in Upper Academy music may practice their music skills in the following ways over the summer:

Practicing An Instrument

Practicing for twenty minutes three days a week is a great way to keep in shape for next year’s ensembles and a great way to eliminate boredom. Practice scales, concert pieces, exercises from Essential Elements, or a solo book! You can find great ones online and at stores like Groth Music and Schmitt Music.

Enrolling in a MacPhail Center for Music Day Camp

There are many great camps at MacPhail Center for Music downtown and in Apple Valley. Options include Brass Camp, Woodwind Camp, Orchestra Camp, Composition Camp, Composing for Video Games Camp, Jazz Camp, and Rock Camp. Information can be found outside the music room and online at www.macphail.org.

Exploring Music Websites

Great music websites to practice skills and make cool music include www.musictheory.net, www.isleoftune, and www.noteflight.org. There are music theory exercises, composition tools, and sequencers to make fun, original music—and they’re all absolutely free!

Enrolling in Private Lessons at MacPhail Center for Music

Did you know that students at Paideia Academy receive a 5% discount on all lessons at MacPhail Center for Music? If you’re just starting out or wanting a little boost over the summer, teachers of every instrument are conveniently located down the street in the Ryan Building. Call 612-321-0100 or visit www.macphail.org for more information.

Physical Education:

June 9-11

In Physical Education this week we will be playing sand volleyball and playing team games outside! This summer we encourage you to make sure your student stays active at least 60 minutes a day! Some great summer activities include: swimming, riding a bike, playing outside, going for a walk/jog, jumping rope, and playing a fun team sport!

Inspirations in PE:

The students have improved so much in all areas of fitness testing. It was great to see them grow throughout our first year here!

Health:

June 9-11

This summer challenge your student to try to eat most meals according to the [MyPlate](http://www.choosemyplate.gov). <http://www.choosemyplate.gov> Is a great resource for tips on healthy snacks and menu planning.

Kindergarten

Math: Over the summer, try to do some of these activities to keep up your skills: IXL, write math problems in chalk on the driveway, practice writing numbers 0-30, 0-50 and 0-100, 0-100+, use nonstandard measurement to measure things outside, play board games.

Language Arts: Over the summer, please remember to practice sight words and try to read at least 15 minutes a day. Other ideas to try: Lexia, visit the library, read outside in the sun, look for sight words while in the store, write sight words or sentences in chalk on the driveway, keep a journal of what you do each week throughout the summer!

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Advisory: We will be participating in Moving Up Day on Monday! We will have the chance to visit the first grade classrooms and get to know the first grade teachers.

Announcements:

- Field Day has been rescheduled for Monday, June 9th. Our half-day friends will be staying all day again! We will also be wearing athletic/exercise wear for this day.
- School supplies will be coming home in the student's big tubs on Tuesday this week! Please send a handled bag (target bags or reusable cloth bags work great) with your child on Tuesday to help them carry everything home! Bags need to be big enough to hold their big tote boxes.

Volunteer Opportunities: We'd like to send out a special thank you to Shannon Bradley for being our kindergarten parent rep this year! She has been nothing short of amazing!

Inspirations: We have a bunch of summer birthdays we would like to recognize! Happy Birthday to Nathan (6/15), Jackson (6/18), Sammy (6/22), Addison (7/25), Chris and Johnny (7/26), Reagan and Gabe (7/27), Miles (7/30), Annika (7/31).

First Grade

Math: Please continue to work on adding and subtracting skills this summer. You can use flashcards, games, anything to make it fun! Continue to use IXL for first grade, too!

Language Arts: Please continue to work on reading and writing this summer. Make a summer journal and write about all of the fun things you do! Continue to use Lexia or starfall.com for extra practice as well!

Science: Ask your child to share with you what they learned about the human body systems, germs, electricity, weather, matter, the solar system and anything they can remember about science in first grade.

Social Studies: Review the 7 continents, our city, our state, our country with your child. Ask your child to share what they learned about George Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr and Ancient Egypt.

Advisory: Please ask your child to review the 4 rules of the Olweus Anti-Bullying Curriculum. Continue to talk about ways to be a good friend and a kind person.

Announcements: We are so proud of how hard all of our students have worked this school year! Continue to work hard and be excited about learning!

Volunteer Opportunities: Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers for all of your help and support this school year!

Inspirations: Adelyn, Cole, Emilie, Rowan, Charlie, Nick, Avery, Lydia, Kennedy and Emmie retired clips this week! Way to go!

Second Grade

Summer Ideas:

Math: Encourage students to use their math skills in everyday situations (counting money they have earned and determining what they can buy, adding prices of items you buy at the store, using an analog clock or watch to tell the time, especially using words like quarter after or quarter til, and solving everyday problems adding, subtracting or multiplying)

- Play math games as a family (Salute, Addition or Multiplication War, Bump, Yahtzee, etc.)
- Master more of the 2nd grade IXL Math skills and play math computer games (on websites such as abcy.com, coolmath4kids.com, or funbrain.com)

Language Arts: Read! Read! Read!—read out loud or retell a story to a younger sibling or friend, listen to books on CD or audiobooks online, read and discuss a chapter book as a family, etc.

- Write!—write about things you do or trips you take over the summer, write a story or play and read it to a family member, write a letter to your teacher and mail it the school, write and send a postcard to a relative, etc.
- Complete more Lexia levels and master more of the 2nd grade IXL Language Arts skills.

Science: Identify and discuss insects in your yard or park, go to the zoo and observe animal behaviors, observe and measure the growth of plants/flowers in your yard, and more!

Social Studies: Locate and mark on a map all of the places that you visit/travel to this summer and go to the library and check out books about a state, country, or people group that students are interested in.

Announcements: All school field day is on Monday! We will be participating in events with our 6th grade buddies. We will also get to watch the student talent show at the end of the day on Monday!

Volunteer Opportunities: Thank you to all of you volunteered in anyway this year. We appreciate you!

Inspirations: Have a wonderful summer! The 2nd graders have been a GREAT group of students and we will miss them!

Third Grade

Math:

Jensen:

3rd Grade Group: Division review

IXL Standard: 4.1.1.6

Schnase: Elapsed time review, multiplication review, math games

IXL Standard: 3.3.3., 3.1.2.

Over the summer the students should continue to practice their math facts!

Language Arts: 3rd grade idioms.

Science: Science scavenger hunt

Social Studies: End of the year choice projects

Advisory: Moving up day, cleaning up classroom/desks

Announcements: Monday June 9th will be field day and the student talent show! The talent show will be from 2:30-3:20. On Tuesday, June 10th the students will be able to present their animal or state report if they chose to complete their fourth quarter project. The presentations will be in the great room from 2:30-3:20. Over the summer your students will have access to Type to Learn, IXL and Lexia! These are great programs that can help your students continue to build on skills that they have learned throughout the school year!

Volunteer Opportunities: Any parents that would like to come in and help tidy up classrooms are welcome. Please let your student's teacher know if you are interested!

Inspirations: The third grade team would like to say that we have enjoyed working with all of the third grade families this year! We are going to miss you all dearly as you move onto fourth grade and we want to wish you the best of luck!

Fourth Grade

Math: IXL—use to review 4th grade standards or to preview 5th grade standards to help keep math skills current.

Language Arts: IXL—has many language and sentence skills to practice.

Type To Learn—practice typing to increase words per minute and accuracy when typing.

Science: Students can play a variety of online activities listed in past newsletters.

The Science Museum is a good hands on learning experience.

Social Studies: Review the 50 states and capitals and North American geography.

Announcements: We will miss having this class, we wish them the best in 5th grade!

Volunteer Opportunities: Thank you to all of the parents who have helped with correcting, spelling, office work, donations, and chaperoning trips!

Practice Online Links:

[Www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) (math, language arts)

<http://mrnussbaum.com/> (math)

[Www.sheppardsoftware.com](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com) (math, language arts, science, social studies)

<http://teacher.ttl4.com/> (typing)

[Www.freetypinggames.net](http://www.freetypinggames.net) (typing)

5th Grade

Math: This has been a full year for your child in math! One aspect of learning math is that concepts and skills become solidified over time. Concepts or skills that were new earlier in the year may now seem “easy”. A great way to reinforce your child's appreciation for math is to review the year and his or her growth. This year, your fifth grader focused on: Problem-solving skills and strategies; Multiplying and dividing with 2-digit numbers; Adding & Subtracting fractions, mixed numbers, and decimals; Solving equations and evaluating inequalities; Finding area and volume; and using Ratios, percents, and probability. —Take a few minutes now and then over the summer to keep math skills sharp with family math activities. Have your child calculate the price of a few items in a store. Have them measure how many feet of fencing is needed to go around your garden, or how many square inches of wrapping paper it will require to wrap a box. Ask them which fraction or decimal is larger. —I highly recommend using the IXL website – 5th grade skills. Another good source of activities is the U.S. Department of Education publication, Helping Your Child Learn Math, available in print or online at www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Math/ —Thank you for supporting your child's efforts in math this year!!

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Language Arts: Students have been finishing up figurative language and practicing their own figurative language by writing poetry. We will end the year by celebrating some earned incentives and watching some core knowledge videos. Students will be bringing home “Daybooks of Critical Reading and Writing.” Parents are encouraged to read through some of the passages with students and help them complete the writings. I will provide prizes to students who complete the most lessons over the summer. Parents are also encouraged to check the classroom pages for other language arts activities. I also encourage parents to make trips to the library, set aside time for reading, and allow students plenty of time outdoors! Thank you for all the help, support, and encouragement! Have a wonderful summer.

Social Studies: Students will finish “An American Plague” by Jim Murphy. They have been eagerly listening to this engrossing novel that tells the story of the yellow fever plague in Philadelphia in 1793. We will complete some math and science connected activities next week. Over the summer, please check out historical fiction books and books about history at your local library. (If you want suggestions, please ask!) Also, if you can get to any of the Minnesota Historical sites this summer your student can begin to learn a little about Minnesota history which will be the focus of 6th grade social studies. Enjoy the summer! It has been a pleasure and privilege to teach your students.

Science: The fifth graders have done a fantastic job in science this year! We have learned about elements, cells, states of matter, laws of motion, and much more. Make sure to keep your student interested in science over the summer. The internet has tons of fun ideas for experiments that can be done with everyday items. It would also be a great idea to keep science on your child’s mind by asking them how different everyday tasks relate to science.

Advisory: Advisory will be used this week for end of year organizational and wrap-up activities.

Announcements: We are still accepting donations for the 5th grade moola auction.

Volunteer Opportunities: Classroom teachers would love help cleaning and organizing classrooms!

Inspirations: It was inspiring to see so many fifth graders writing great examples of figurative language.

Sixth Grade

Math: I enjoyed spending the year with your child in math! One aspect of learning math is that concepts and skills become solidified over time. Concepts or skills that were new earlier in the year may now seem “easy”. A great way to reinforce your child’s appreciation for math is to review the year and his or her growth. This year, your sixth grader focused on: Integers and Order of Operations; Multiplying and dividing fractions; Ratios, rates and proportions; Variables in algebraic expressions; Geometry, area and volume; Tables and graphs; and Solving 2-step equations.

—Take a few minutes now and then over the summer to keep math skills sharp with family math activities. Have your child help you calculate a 15% tip. Ask your child to figure out the discounted price of an item at the store. See if they can figure out the probability of a certain event happening. I highly recommend using the IXL website – 6th grade skills. Another good source of activities is the U.S. Department of Education publication, Helping Your Child Learn Math, available in print or online at www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Math/ —Thank you for supporting your child’s efforts in math this year!!

Language Arts: Students are finishing their work on “The Odyssey” by watching “Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.” Students have also been working on creating their own epic poem or narrative on storyjumper.com. If your student would like to continue and save their work, please follow the storyjumper.com account creation process. Students will be bringing home “Daybooks of Critical Reading and Writing.” Parents are encouraged to read through some of the passages with students and help them complete the writings. I will provide prizes to students who complete the most lessons over the summer. Parents are also encouraged to check the classroom pages for other language arts activities. I also encourage parents to make trips to the library, set aside time for reading, and allow students plenty of time outdoors! Thank you for all the help, support, and encouragement! Have a wonderful summer.

Social Studies: Students will continue watching “World Wars.” We are looking at connections between World War 1 and World War 2, in addition to gaining background knowledge about the World Wars. Over the summer please check out historical fiction books and books about history at your local library. (If you want suggestions, please ask!) Also, if you can get to any of the Minnesota Historical sites this summer your student can continue learning about our state and the important places and events that have happened here. Enjoy the summer! It has been a pleasure and privilege to teach your students.

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Science: The sixth graders have learned a lot in science this year! We've talked about the circulatory system, ocean zones and organisms, trebuchets, scientists, and so much more. Make sure to keep your student interested in science over the summer. The internet has tons of fun ideas for experiments that can be done with everyday items. It would also be a great idea to keep science on your child's mind by asking them how different everyday tasks relate to science.

Advisory: Advisory will be used this week for end of year organizational and wrap-up activities.

Announcements: Thank you for a good year!

Volunteer Opportunities: Classroom teachers would love help cleaning and organizing classrooms!

Inspirations: It was very inspiring to see students getting excited about creating their own epic poems and narratives.

Seventh Grade

Math: Over the summer I would love for the students to continue working on their math skills. The students have access to IXL over the summer, whether they are working on this year's skills or previewing skills for next year. Some other fun activities would be: plan a trip (calculate gas, food, lodging, mileage, etc.); prepare a budget with any money they earn over the summer; create graphs with how they spend their time this summer; cooking/baking (have them create a recipe where they need to double, cut in half, etc.); create a shopping list where they estimate the cost and then find out the actual cost (with interest); create a wish list of items and determine how long it will take them to save. I hope these ideas help in keeping your child's math brain active over the summer!

Language Arts: Over the summer, please discuss any readings with your student, so that he/she is working on paraphrasing and summarizing information in his or her own words. Don't forget to check out the library for reading programs and book clubs! Encourage your child to write during the summer break too! The writing can include lists, journals, short stories, emails, and letters addressed to family and friends. I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer break!

Social Studies: This week in Social Studies we briefly discussed different types of economics systems and learned about the Civil Rights Movement. I encourage students to read historic novels or other books over the summer! Explore the National Archives and/or Library of Congress online materials, and the BBC and History Channel websites!

Science: Congrats on getting through 7th grade!!!! To keep your science senses sharp over the summer and to prepare for next year here are some things to do: stay up to date on current science issues and research by reading articles on websites like Science Daily or Scientific American. You could also read magazines like National Geographic if they are available. Keep in mind that 8th grade will cover all things relating to the Earth and Space (rocks and minerals, the atmosphere, climate and weather, stars and planets etc) so if you take any trips related to these topics be sure to take lots of pictures and notes to bring to 8th grade! Thank you for making my first year of teaching awesome! Have a great summer!

Advisory: We held 7th/8th Student Talent Show auditions in Advisory this past week! Thank you to all participants, and congratulations to Sam, and Summer /Joey, whose acts made it into the all school Talent Show on Monday!

Announcements: Please remember that 7th and 8th graders will walk to Kelley Park for the latter half of the last day of school to celebrate the end of the school year together. We are looking for donations of filled water balloons, frozen treats or other snacks, garbage bags, and lawn games for the festivities at Kelley Park on the last day of school! If you have ordered a lunch for Wednesday, June 11th, it will be a bag lunch for the park.

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8th Grade

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Language Arts: Over the summer, please discuss any readings with your student, so that he/she is working on paraphrasing and summarizing information in his or her own words. Don't forget to check out the library for reading programs and book clubs! Encourage your child to write during the summer break too! The writing can include lists, journals, short stories, emails, and letters addressed to family and friends. I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer break!

Social Studies: This week in Social Studies we did an overview of U.S. and world history from the end of WW2 to the present, as well as a brief overview of Asian geography. I encourage students to read historic novels or other books over the summer! Explore the National Archives and/or Library of Congress online materials, and the BBC and History Channel websites!

Science: Congrats on finishing MIDDLE SCHOOL and moving to HIGH SCHOOL! So exciting!! To keep your science senses sharp over the summer and to prepare for next year here are some things to do: stay up to date on current science issues and research by reading articles on websites like Science Daily or Scientific American. You could also read magazines like National Geographic if they are available. Thank you for making my first year of teaching awesome! Have a great summer and good luck in high school!

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