

Dear Friends,

I hope you're having a great summer. I have had a busy summer with my family. We've visited many of our favorite places in Maine including the Tide Pools at Crescent Beach, riding the Songo River Queen on Long Lake, taking the Casco Bay Ferry to Peak's Island, and many more fun adventures. I can't wait to write about them with you this fall!

I have just started getting our classroom ready for this fall. We have so many wonderful units to cover in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We will continue with Everyday Mathematics, explore the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading curriculum, Literacy By Design, as well as enjoying many science and social studies curriculum units.

I have discovered that one of our community members has a Latex Allergy. Please be aware that latex can be found in many common items such as erasers and rubber bands! Please try to be respectful and keep our classroom Latex-Free!

School begins on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns! [Kimberly.Nielsen@lakeregionschools.org](mailto:Kimberly.Nielsen@lakeregionschools.org)

### Summer Challenge

<b>WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT STORIES ABOUT YOUR SUMMER. I CAN'T WAIT TO READ ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES.</b>	<b>DRAW A DETAILED MAP OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. INCLUDE A MAP KEY, TITLE AND AT LEAST 5 HUMAN (MAN-MADE) AND PHYSICAL (NATURE-MADE) CHARACTERISTICS.</b>	<b>MEMORIZE ALL OF YOUR IMPORTANT INFO: PARENTS FULL NAME(S) PHONE NUMBER(S) YOUR COMPLETE BIRTH DATE HOME ADDRESS GENERAL DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOUSE</b>
<b><u>HELP</u> PLAN A FAMILY OUTING. RESEARCH THE DESTINATION, BUDGET HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE NEEDED AND SCHEDULE THE TIME FOR DEPARTURE, EVENTS AND RETURN TO HOME. THIS COULD BE A SIMPLE TRIP FOR ICE CREAM, A DAY AT SEBAGO LAKE STATE PARK, FUNTOWN, OR ANY OTHER FAMILY FAVORITE DESTINATION.</b>	<b>READ AT LEAST 5 BOOKS AT YOUR PERSONAL READING LEVEL. KEEP A LIST OF THE BOOKS YOU READ. YOU CAN READ TO YOURSELF OR TO SOMEONE ELSE!</b>	<b>WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE AT LEAST 2 POEMS INSPIRED BY SUMMER. WE WILL SHARE THESE WITH THE CLASS DURING OUR FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.</b>
<b>PRACTICE YOUR ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION MATH FACTS USING BOARD GAMES, COMPUTER GAMES OR FLASH CARDS. TRY TO DO THIS AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.</b>	<b>KEEP A JOURNAL OR DIARY OF YOUR SUMMER. WRITE IN YOUR JOURNAL AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK.</b>	<b>READ A BOOK AND USE ART TO TELL ME ABOUT THE STORY. USE PAINTS, CLAY, OR ANY OTHER MEDIUM TO SHOW WHAT YOU READ.</b>

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