

Dear Students,

I hope that you have a restful, fun, joyful and wonderful summer! During that time I am asking for you to complete several tasks. Some of them are fun and others will take some effort.

The first task that I ask of you is to spread kindness to those around you. If you are having some trouble thinking of some kind things that you can do I have attached a kindness calendar that you can use for ideas. I am asking that you complete 4 Random Acts of Kindness this summer. I will be asking you to complete a short writing activity when you come back to school of the kind things that you have done.

The second task that I ask of you this summer is to read 3 books. This first book is an oldie but goodie please re-read a book that you have enjoyed. The second book is something new that you have never read before but sounds interesting to you. The third book is a Nonfiction book, it can be a Biography, Memoir, Historical or Scientific book. Once you have read your three books please write them down on the paper provided with a short 3-4 sentence summary. We will be working with these books when you come back in the fall.

The third and last task for this summer is to have fun. Please go out and try something new, enjoy those around you and explore!

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you this fall!

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Tips for Preventing the Summer Slide



Studies show that children who do not read or have access to books during the summer lose up to 2 months of reading performance. Those losses accumulate during the elementary school years so that by the time a child enters middle school he/she may be 2 1/2 years behind! All children, whether from low, middle or upper income families, may fall victim to the "summer slide" if not provided with summer reading opportunities. So how do we prevent the summer slide—or even accelerate reading growth? Here are a few ideas:

- 1** Visit your local library! Help your child find "right fit" books. Right fit books are books that are of high interest to your child and are not beyond their reading level. You can use the five finger test to determine if the book is too difficult for your child. Open the book to a page with many words. Have your child begin reading the text. Hold up a finger for each word he/she does not know. If you have 4 or 5 fingers up, the text may be too difficult for your child to read independently. Feel free to still check out the book! It just may be a book you want to read with your child.
- 2** Be sure your child reads at least 20 minutes a day. According to research, a child who reads only 1 minute a day outside of school will learn 8,000 words by the end of sixth grade where a student who reads 20 minutes outside of school will learn 1,800,000 words! That's huge! If reading isn't one of your child's top priorities, you may need to set up an incentive program.
- 3** Set a good example. When your child sees you reading and enjoying a book or a newspaper article, you are sending a message that reading is important and valuable.
- 4** Read to your child. When you read to your child, he/she hears the rhythm of language. Be sure to read with expression! Changing your voice for different characters and increasing your volume during exciting parts are only a few ways to keep children engaged.
- 5** Read with your child—explore different types of reading such as poetry. For our little ones, poetry is a great way to improve phonemic awareness skills as poetry often incorporates rhyme. For our older children, poetry is a means of improving fluency.
- 6** Read for different purposes. Reading directions for a recipe or directions for assembling a toy are fun ways of incorporating reading into everyday activities.
- 7** Play games with words. Commercial games such as Apples to Apples improves vocabulary. You can easily turn a game of hopscotch or 4 square into a game that incorporates learning letters or sight words. Be sure to check out the "8 Super Summer Sight Word Activities" on the Make, Take & Teach blog.
- 8** If you have access to an iPad, there are tons of interactive books and apps that address phonics and early reading skills. There are also many websites that offer free reading related games.

Have a happy and healthy summer! Be sure to read, read and read some more! Not only can we prevent the summer slide, we can accelerate reading growth.



Oldie But Goodie

A book that you have read before and would enjoy re-reading again

Title

Author

Short Summary

New and Interesting

A book that you have read before and would enjoy re-reading again

Title

Author

Short Summary

Non-Fiction

A book that you have not read that can be a Biography, Memoir, Historical, Scientific or any other non-fiction book

Title

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Short Summary

Acts of Kindness

Date

Person/People I was kind to

What I did to be Kind

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JUNE 2018



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

3	Tell a joke	4	Return someone's car at the store	5	Give candy to your bank teller	6	Leave a note in a library book	7	Feed the birds	8	Put a small bin in your car to collect recycling	9	Leave happy notes around town
10	Call your grandparents and ask them about their childhood	11	Pick up litter	12	Let someone go ahead of you in line	13	Compliment a friend	14	Wash someone's car	15	Write a thank you note for your mail carrier	16	Plant something
17	Bake a dessert for a neighbor	18	Walk dogs at the animal shelter	19	Check in on an elderly neighbor	20	Set up a lemonade stand and donate the profits	21	Send a card to a service member	22	Bury treasure at the playground	23	Set the table for dinner
24	Leave bubbles at someone's doorstep	25	Tell someone why he/she is special to you	26	Donate outgrown clothes	27	Buy coffee for a stranger	28	Pass out stickers to kids waiting in line	29	Help make dinner	30	Put change on a vending machine

JULY 2018

SUNDAY

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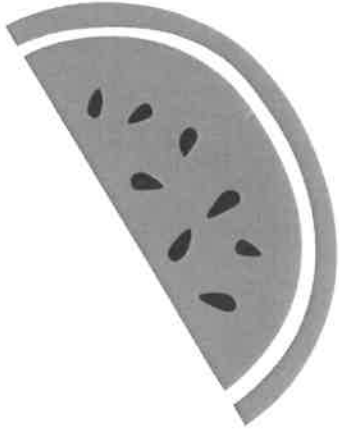
SATURDAY

1	Make a get well card for someone	2	Give someone a hug	3	Donate a toy	4	Bring your neighbors' garbage cans up for them	5	Make a busy bag for a family with young children	6	Leave a popcorn surprise on a DVD rental machine	7	Write chalk messages on the sidewalk
8	Weed or plant flowers for a neighbor	9	Donate food to the food pantry	10	Tell a manager how good your service was	11	Tape change to a parking meter	12	Donate socks and supplies to a homeless shelter	13	Give a lottery ticket to a stranger	14	Call a friend you haven't seen in a while to say hello
15	Lape money for the ice cream truck to a friend's front door	16	Take treats to the fire station	17	Read a book to someone	18	Leave heads up pennies on the sidewalk	19	Tell someone how much you love him/her	20	Say hello to everyone you see	21	Make someone else's bed
22	Do a secret act of kindness for someone in your family	23	Sing songs at a nursing home	24	Invite someone to play on the playground	25	Turn off the water while brushing your teeth	26	Say thank you when you see service members	27	Fill a kindness jar with candy for another family	28	Make a thank you sign for sanitation workers
29	Take care of someone's pet while they are away	30	Help make dinner	31	Donate new pajamas to foster kids								

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Clean up your room without being asked	2 Tape a video message for a faraway friend	3 Leave kindness stones at the park	4 Send dessert to another family at a restaurant
5 Give spare change to the food pantry	6 Buy extra school supplies for a teacher	7 Make muffins for your pharmacist	8 Teach someone something new	9 Reuse paper when you are drawing	10 Pay for someone's toll	11 Give someone a hug coupon
12 Volunteer at a soup kitchen	13 Write a note to put in someone's lunch	14 Collect money or items for your favorite charity	15 Donate coloring books and crayons to a children's hospital	16 Write a poem for a friend	17 Help someone unload groceries at the store	18 Make a candy gram for the police department
19 Collect books for the library	20 Adopt an animal online	21 Decorate tissue boxes and hand sanitizer for nursing stations	22 Make a homemade gift for someone	23 Clean up your toys without being asked	24 Deliver water bottles to the homeless shelter	25 Create activity bags for families of deployed soldiers
26 Give high fives to a friend	27 Dry the slides at the park with a towel after it rains	28 Set the table	29 Send a postcard to a friend	30 Smile at everyone – it's contagious	31 Share a special toy with a friend	

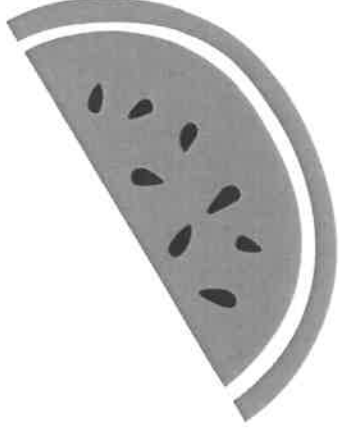
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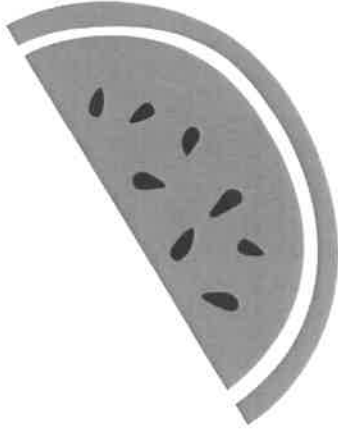
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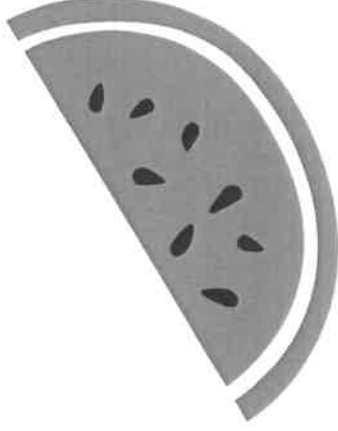
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