

Fun Summer Activities

from Mrs. Dotson

Sixth Grade Families,

Our school year together ended in a very different way and I have a feeling our summer is going to feel and look very different as well. I pulled together a list of some of my favorite family summer activities that fit into four different categories. This is not a complete list of all our area offers, but it might spark a new adventure on that summer day when everyone is bored. The Portland area offers a lot of cultural and outdoor adventures. Many places are still closed, so I would suggest checking websites for openings and availability. I hope each of you have a safe, adventurous summer.

~ Mrs. Dotson

Cultural & History

Portland Japanese Garden
 Lan Su Chinese Garden
 Grocery shop at Uwajimaya in Beaverton
 Try an ethnic restaurant
 Try an ethnic bakery
 Tour Portland and take pictures of Greek architecture
 Learn to cook an ethnic dish
 Shanghai Tunnels in Portland
 Smallest Park in the World: SW Naito Parkway at SW Taylor
 Fort Stevens
 Visit lighthouses along our coast
 Silver Falls hike and Historic Lodge
 Tour Pittock Mansion
 Visit Timberline Lodge



Adventures

Try a new hike along the coast
 Hike Cascade Head, near Camp Westwind
 Oregon Coast Railriders, Bay City
 Drive Hwy 101 and stop at lookouts
 Hike the Lewis & Clark Trail
 Go berry picking
 August 11, 12 or 13 watch the Perseid Meteor Shower
 Attend a drive-in movie
 Visit a national park at nps.gov
 Visit a national monument via the web
 Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum
 Visit a day use area along the coast
 4 T's Hike in Portland
 Ride your bike on the Linear Trail
 Swim at Sauvie Island
 Visit a new beach to you



Activities

Geocaching
 Family water balloon fight
 Sidewalk chalk art contest
 On the hottest day try to fry an egg on tin foil
 Plan a family Olympic day with awards
 Try a new sport at home
 Make homemade bread & butter
 Learn to draw
 Learn a new skill
 Create a scavenger hunt
 Go fishing
 Picnic at Stub Stewart Park
 Frisbee Golf at Hagg Lake
 Grow your own crystals
 Mentos soda challenge
 Build a sand city at the beach
 Fly a kite



Quiet Activities

Write and mail a letter to a loved one or friend
 Plan a dream family vacation
 Keep a journal of favorite meme's
 Word finds
 Crossword puzzles
 Puzzles
 Watch Planet Earth movie series
 Watch a documentary on an ancient civilization



Read ~ Here are a few of my favorite books
 Peak by Roland Smith
 The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
 Fever 1793 by Laurie Anderson
 A Tale Dark & Grimm by Adam Gidwitz
 Because of Mr. Terrupt by Rob Buyea
 Kingdom Keepers by Ridley Pearson
 The Notorious Benedict Arnold by Steve Sheinkin

Virtual Field Trips List

This list includes a large assortment of online virtual field trips for students of a variety of ages. Some include 360 degree views, videos, reading, slideshows, and more!

THE SCHOOL BUS

1. [School Bus Safety on a Field Trip](#)
2. [Boarding a City Bus](#) YouTube Video
3. [Take a Field Trip to a Bus Depot](#): YouTube video for younger students

MUSEUMS

1. [Waterloo Region Museum](#): A variety of virtual field trips aligned with Ontario curriculum
2. [Bata Shoe Museum](#): This site states, “our online exhibitions All About Shoes and On Canadian Ground will take you to all four corners of the world!”
3. [The Baytown Museum](#): From the website: “ Take a walk through our three floors of exhibitions, explore artefacts, and immerse yourself in the Museum – located in the Commissariat, Ottawa’s oldest stone building.”
4. [Hamilton Civic Museums](#): From the website, this site allows students to “Explore over 130 panoramic scenes, 650 clickable hotspots and audio navigation from your home computer or mobile device. Move through the Museums, zoom in on details and experience the Museums as if you were there!”
5. [Friends of Dalnavert Museum](#): This Manitoba museum was the elegant Carlton Street home of of Sir Hugh John Macdonald, son of Canada’s first Prime Minister, and briefly premier of Manitoba.
6. [Heritage Park Historical Village](#): Calgary museum, includes slideshows, activities, and more.
7. [Ripley’s Believe It or Not!](#): From the site: “Explore the wonders of Ripley’s Believe It or Not! Odditoriums at home and learn all about the strange and unusual! Use the schedule below to meet our researchers, illustrators, and editors, who will be your guide to live Q&As, odd exhibits, drawing tutorials, and much more! Scroll a bit further and discover downloadable lessons and crafts!”
8. [Canadian Museum of History](#): Online exhibitions, here is the [3D History Hall tour](#).
9. [Glenbow From Home](#): A variety of different activities from the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta
10. [Boston Children’s Museum](#) Virtual Tour
11. [Manufacturing Field Trips](#) in Arcoa, Tennessee
12. US Space and Rocket Museum Virtual Tour of the [Saturn 5 Rocket](#)
13. Visit [The Louvre](#) in Paris
14. [The Metropolitan Museum of Art for Kids](#)
15. [The Guggenheim](#)

16. The Smithsonian: [Ocean Find Your Blue](#) exhibit
17. The British Museum: [The Museum of the World Exhibit](#), this is really neat. You can scroll through time on different continents and examine different artifacts. Neat soundtrack too.

AMUSEMENT PARKS

18. [Legoland Virtual Field Trip](#)
19. [Canada's Wonderland Virtual Field Trip](#): In this PDF, students can click on the rides to go to YouTube video experiences. This was created by Ontario teacher [Shubana Aslam](#).
20. Virtual [Disneyland Trip](#) *

ZOOS

21. [The Toronto Zoo](#)

FARMING

22. [Farm Foods 360](#): This site provides 360 views allowing students to interact with a variety of kinds of farming.
23. [Dairy Council of California Virtual Field Trips](#), [this link shows you how to register](#). Available until June 5. The website says, "During our 45-minute virtual field trips, students will learn all about dairy farming, including how milk and dairy foods are produced and the nutritional benefits of dairy products."

NATURE RELATED

24. [St Clair Region Conservation Authority Virtual Field Trips](#): Grade specific and curriculum connected for Ontario.
25. [Cambridge Ontario Butterfly Conservatory](#): "Students can experience it virtually through this exciting field trip. With virtual indoor tours and detailed information on every single butterfly found in the conservatory, this is sure to keep kiddos busy (and learning) for a while!"
26. Discovery Education: [Tundra Connections Virtual Field Trip](#) at Churchill, Manitoba
27. [Ripley's Aquarium](#): "Most of Earth's waters are still unexplored meaning there could be a variety of undiscovered animals living on our planet! Ripley's Aquarium allows us to get a close-up experience of the amazing water life that lives among us! Along with the live in-depth videos, you can download at-home learning activities and crafts."
28. PBS Virtual Field Trip: [Explore the Outdoors with Nature Cat](#)
29. Alaska Department of Fish and Game [Wildlife Web Cams](#)

LANDMARKS and SPACE

30. Ontario [Virtual Field Trips Through Geo Science](#): From the site: "These field trips will take you to worlds you never knew existed throughout Ontario, Canada; primordial seas, explosive volcanoes, giant meteors, ancient marine creatures, and more!"
31. [CN Tower](#): Includes a live camera view from the top.
32. [Access Mars](#): A 360 degree tour
33. [Google Tour of Canada's Parliament](#)

34. [Great Wall of China](#)
35. [CyArk](#): Explore world history monuments virtually, this is a really neat experience! Includes Fort York in Toronto, a historic church in Saskatoon, landforms in Alberta, and a large variety of great things around the world! Click on Explore and search by time period or map at the top right.
36. [A Virtual Reality Stroll Through Old Quebec](#): A 360 degree view
37. [Quebec City Virtual Tours](#): 360 degrees through various places of interest
38. [Ottawa Virtual Tours, Exhibitions, Activities, and Performances](#)
39. [Experience Winnipeg's Top Attractions Virtually](#)

FIELD DAYS

40. [Field Day Week](#): At home field day activities for your students

Escape Rooms

41. [Hogwarts Digital Escape Room](#), created by Sydney Krawiec, Youth Services Librarian at Peters Township Public Library in McMurray, PA.

OTHER LISTS

42. [Exploring by The Seat of Your Pants](#): Live weblinks you can sign up for
43. [Quebec City Virtual Tours](#): A variety of links to Quebec City sights.
44. [List of Many Links](#) from an American source
45. [20 Virtual Field Trips to Take with Your Kids](#)
46. [10 Virtual Field Trips in Ontario](#): Cinnamon's Classroom
47. Alberta Teachers Association [Supports for Online Teaching & Learning: Virtual Field Trips & Streaming Video](#)
48. [Five Canadian Virtual Field Trips](#): From the website the Canadian Homeschooler
49. [Virtual Field Trips](#): From the website called Calgary Playground Review, there is a wide variety in this list
50. [Take Your Kids on a Virtual Field Trip](#): enRoute Air Canada Magazine

SUMMER READING IDEAS

2020-2021 Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)

6-8 Division Booklist

Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed - In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family. *Realistic Fiction*

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan - Amina, a Pakistani American Muslim girl, struggles to stay true to her family's culture while dealing with the vandalism of the local Islamic Center and mosque and her best friend Soojin's new friendship with their former nemesis. *Realistic Fiction*

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes - After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till. *Magical Realism*

Greenglass House by Kate Milford - At a smuggler's inn, 12-yr-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his holidays relaxing, but soon guests arrive with strange stories about the house, sending Milo and his new friend on an adventure. *Fantasy Mystery*

If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gansworth - Seventh-grader Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield, from the local air force base, but in 1975 upstate New York, there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and whites. *Historical Fiction*

Mark of the Thief by Jennifer A. Nielsen - Nic, a slave in the mines of Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cave filled with Julius Caesar's treasures. What he finds will change his destiny and the history of the Empire. *Historical Fiction*

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty - Math genius Lucy Callahan enrolls in middle school after years of homeschooling, and learns life is more than numbers. *Realistic Fiction*

Moving Target by Christina Díaz González - Twelve-year-old Cassie Arroyo is a student in Rome, but her life changes when a secret organization, the Hastati, shoots her father. She learns she is a member of an ancient bloodline that enables her to use the Spear of Destiny. *Fantasy*

New Kid by Jerry Craft - Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life, but instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics. *Graphic Novel*

The Next Great Paulie Fink by Ali Benjamin - Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink. *Realistic Fiction*

No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen - Twelve-year-old Felix's appearance on a television game show reveals that he and his mother have been homeless for a while, but also restores some of his faith in other people. *Realistic Fiction*

Refugee by Alan Gratz - Josef is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, and all face unimaginable dangers. *Historical Fiction*

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez - In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things, and people, from other universes. *Science Fiction*

Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy - When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from Nefarian Serpine's evil plans. *Fantasy*

Squint by Chad Morris & Shelly Brown - Flint Minett has keratoconus, an eye disease, but desperately wants to win a comic book art contest so that he and his new friend McKell Panganiban will be better accepted at middle school. *Realistic Fiction*

Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin - A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team. *Biography*

~ Math 6: Summer Ideas ~

Dear students,

I know this was not an ideal way to close out our school year together, especially your first year in middle school. Regardless of how we left, I appreciate your hard work and willingness to learn in the classroom and outside of it. Each and every one of you have unique qualities and as a group, you create one amazing grade to teach. I wish you the best over summer break, and I'm excited to catch up with you in the fall.

The following slides are resources for both you and your family to stay engaged over summer break. These are all of course suggestions, not requirements. :)

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Math Skills Over Summer Break~

1. Grocery Shopping
2. Gardening
3. Sewing
4. Baking/Cooking
5. Following recipes for anything, even slime!
6. Building a fort or a bike ramp
7. Traveling (distance, fuel, lodging, etc.)
8. Board Games/Card Games
9. I'm sure there are a lot more you can think of and participate in!

Online Resources~

- ★ www.khanacademy.com
- ★ www.purplemath.com
- ★ www.onlinemathlearning.com
- ★ www.krazydad.com
- ★ www.hoodamath.com
- ★ www.mathplayground.com
- ★ www.educationworld.com
- ★ www.sudoku.com
- ★ www.coolmathgames.com
- ★ www.insidemathematics.org
- ★ www.mathsnacks.com
- ★ solveme.edc.org

If you have online resources you'd like to share, please email them to me. I'd love to hear your ideas!

How to Be Ready For 7th Grade math~

- Practice your math facts (times tables)!
- Add, Subtract, Multiply & Divide *Whole Numbers*
- Add, Subtract, Multiply & Divide *Fractions*
- Add, Subtract, Multiply & Divide *Decimals*
- Memorize how to simplify fractions, round, and estimate.
- Keep practicing the rules for order of operations (PEMDAS), convert between fractions, decimals and percents
- Have supplies ready for the first day of math class: a spiral/composition book for notes, pencils, pens, colored pencils, scientific calculator, notebook paper, etc.