# 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



#### Adventures

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

Try a new hike along the coast



#### **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

Silver Falls hike and Historic Lodge

Tour Pittock Mansion

Visit Timberline Lodge

### 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