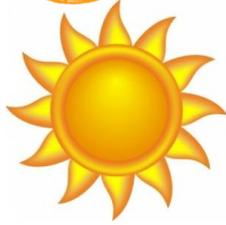


here comes the sun,  
it's alright and I say  
-the beatles



Dear Parents and Students,

I know that you are all looking forward to taking advantage of our favorite "Three R's of Summer"...

Reading  
Recreation  
Relaxation

Summer is the perfect time for us to recharge and refocus our energy on the things that matter most in our lives. For the students and staff of Conover Road Primary School, we are grateful to have shared a school year filled with exciting learning adventures and positive friendships. It has been a joy to celebrate the achievement of many academic and social milestones of our students! For the professional staff of CRPS, the summer provides us with an opportunity to partake in professional development opportunities, read literature about best instructional practices, and reflect on the wonderful journey we have shared with your children this year. Our hope is to always fine-tune our practice so that we may make the upcoming school year the very best one yet!

Today's School Wide Meeting allowed us an opportunity to celebrate our students and their many accomplishments. Our second graders had an opportunity to take the stage and lead our community in singing the school song...just one last time! We know that this group of second graders will continue to show great kindness and display a wonderful sense of empathy and strong work-ethic. We certainly wish them all well and we look forward to hearing about all of the many future successes that lie ahead!



From Mr. Osmond @ CRES: Attention incoming 3rd grade parents: Please mark your calendars... We will host our annual 3rd grade

orientation at CRES on Wednesday August 29 starting at 9AM. Our future 3rd graders will get to meet most of their teachers, get a tour of the school, and also get to meet their classmates. I also request that parents stay in the cafeteria where I will present the most important information to know about our school as well as a Q & A session. The event will end at noon. Hopefully you can all join us.

From all of us at CRPS, our wish for all of you during Summer 2018 is to make the outside world your "classroom" and create many "teachable moments" for your little ones. No matter where your summer trips may take you, allow your child to continue the academic gains he/she has made this school year. You might find the following beach-themed suggestions helpful: (Of course, you can feel free to modify for whatever summer destination you may find yourself!)

**Have a sandcastle building contest.**

- Encourage your child to incorporate and name as many two- and three-dimensional geometric figures as possible.
- Incorporate measurement skills as children can use both standard and non-standard units of measure to determine the tallest tower, the widest moat, etc...
- Allow the children ample time to play and create imaginary characters in this new play setting.

**Build a collection.**

- While on vacation, bring along a small container so that your child may collect seashells, sea glass or pebbles.
- Have your young mathematicians count and sort these items according to their various attributes such as size, color, weight, etc...
- Have the children continue repeating patterns from their collection such as large pebble, shell, sea glass, large pebble, shell, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bring along a few good "beach books."**

- You can find great suggested "page-turners" from websites such as [www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com). Look for specific books at your child's reading level by using the "Book Wizard" feature at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com).
- Select the "mobile" option to log on to the online Tumblebook library at [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)  
username : conoverrd  
Password: books
- Take the time to read to your child and have your child read to you on a daily basis. Create a culture of reading for your family as your children observe you enjoying an opportunity to read for pleasure, too!
- Ask your child to make text-to-self connections; have your child determine how they may have handled a situation differently than a character; have them draw inferences and make predictions based on context clues.
- Work on building fluency. Read a sentence with proper phrasing and inflection, then have your child repeat what he/she hears.
- Organize a kids "book club." Our young readers have loved sharing favorites stories and conversations about books. Add this conversation to your next picnic or beach day!

**Keep a summer journal or scrapbook.**

Encourage your child to decorate the cover of a notebook that he/she will take along on all of the summer's adventures. Allow opportunities for your child to draft entries two to three times each week about these memorable summer moments. These entries may be enhanced by digital images captured by your young photographer. (Of course, some young photo journalists are extraordinarily motivated by an opportunity to publish "real" books. After they choose their images, and write descriptive entries of summer memories, they can create photo books via websites such as [www.shutterfly.com](http://www.shutterfly.com) or [www.snapfish.com](http://www.snapfish.com).)

**Make your child a part of the trip-planning process.**

Whether you are planning a trip to an amusement park, a mall, or a museum, be sure to show your child the various points of interest on a map. Have

them use the map's scale to determine the distance between various points. Allow your child to read the informational brochures available at many destinations so that they will know what to expect and can help plan the day's events. (This is a great way to introduce the concept of telling time and time management, too! Children will quickly learn to read an analog clock if they want to get to the "Scuba Show" on time!)

**Send us a postcard or an e-mail!**

All of us at Conover Road Primary School would love to hear about the wonderful summer experiences enjoyed by our students. Please take the time to have your child send a note to:

Conover Road Primary School  
56 Conover Road  
Colts Neck, NJ 07722

Attn: Mrs. Barr  
[barr@coltsneckschools.org](mailto:barr@coltsneckschools.org)

I wish all of you a summer filled with beautiful events that are certain to create lasting memories. Now, it is off to the beach for some fun (and learning) before we start the best year yet in September!

Sincerely,  
[Tricia Barr](#)  
Principal  
Conover Road Primary School