



Kiel/Sisco School News



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Summer Tips

As we approach the end of the 2009-10 school year we can take great pride in the overall accomplishments of the Kiel School Team which includes our outstanding staff, parents and students. The support for our children continues to be phenomenal.



Families need not fret about balancing leisure and learning during the long, lazy, out-of-school days of summer. Many children's activities lend themselves to learning. But please do not over-plan their summer. Being spontaneous, playing, daydreaming, deciding what or what not to do are all important parts of growing up. Successful students have fun during the summer, but they do not take vacations from reading. Here are some ideas to help you keep them reading all summer long:

- If they loved the movie, introduce them to the book
- Go surfing- the Internet offers a limitless supply of interesting reading, some of which are bound to appeal to your child
- Join the town library activities
- Go beyond the comics when reading the newspaper
- Lighten up! When you are browsing for children's books, look for funny titles or illustrations. Joke books are fun too!
- Read magazines
- Build it, try it, make it. From magic tricks to jewelry making, from science experiments to model cars, there's bound to be a how-to book at the library.

The best advice I can give you is to spend time together as a family. Children need to know that both Mom and Dad have a strong relationship with them. It is the incidental things that you do that will build your child's self esteem, help them make friends, and teach your child the skills to help resolve normal conflicts. Children who are confident about themselves are more likely to do well in school. Here are some ideas:

- Give individual attention
- Encourage your child's interest
- Let your child do new things
- Display things your child makes
- Make a scrapbook together

"Good family life is never an accident but always an achievement by those who share it."

James H.S. Bossard

Have a wonderful, safe summer with your family!

Pat Hart

Character Trait of the Month:

Perseverance

Pursuing worthy goals with determination and patience while exhibiting diligence when confronted with failure.

The following books are good examples of working hard without giving up:

- dePaola. **Oliver Button is a Sissy**
- Lionni. **Tillie and the Wall**
- Carle. **Very Busy Spider**
- Hort. **Boy Who Held Back the Sea**
- Bartone. **Peppe the Lamplighter**
- Wright. **Journey to Freedom**
- Brown. **Stone Soup**
- Cameron. **I Can't Said the Ant**
- Foreman. **Moose**
- Kennedy. **The Contests at Cowlick**
- Mill. **What Mary Shared**
- Piper. **Little Engine that Could**
- Sperry. **Call it Courage**
- Steig. **Abel's Island**
- Ward. **The Biggest Bear**
- Wells. **Timothy Goes to School**

SAFETY TOWN

June 21-25

Our 2010 Safety Town will be held June 21-25. We look



forward to this very exciting Community Program for next year's kindergartners. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this program so successful.

THANK YOU KEHSA!

Many thanks to Luci Masherelli, Lynn Schaper and the officers & members of the Kinnelon Elementary Home & School Association. We appreciate the items purchased for the school, the outstanding assembly programs and the ongoing support with special events! The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was a wonderful treat! Working together we are able to deliver an outstanding school experience for our children. Thank you!



As the summer draws near, it is so important for our students to continue reading throughout July and August! With budgets tight, there is a safe option for reading online to your children! If you have access to the Internet at home, investigate www.magickeys.com for a selection of free online stories. Click on "Children's Story Books" for a choice of colorful books by well known authors. If you click on

"Award Winning Links," you can also find additional sites with numerous stories to read, from beginning reader levels through young adult! Please remember that your child will never be bored or lonely with a book!

With Thanks and Gratitude!

I cannot begin to thank the many parents who have helped to enrich the 2009-10 school year. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such amazing people. Thank you to Mrs. Joan Molee, Mrs. Christine Relovsky and Mrs. Karen Carroll for our incredible yearbook, our Barbeque Committee, and our amazing parents who support our programs every day. Have a wonderful summer!



We would like to extend our gratitude to Lisa Wichman for diligently planning our spirit assemblies focusing on the Character Traits of the Month and for planning our Kindergarten Extravaganza. Kudos to both Christine Reda and Lisa Wichman for the outstanding musical programs with our students!

