



The Rocketeer

Rock Creek Elementary

Establish learning goals for your child over the summer

Start planning for the summer months now. Work with your child to set learning goals for the summer:

◆ **Read at least four books.** Research shows that kids who read just four books over the summer will avoid “summer slide,” or the gap in academic skills, when they go back to school in the fall.

◆ **Try something new.** The child who never thought of herself as an athlete could spend the summer learning a sport. The kid who feels shy might look for the chance to be in a summer play.

◆ **Let your child take a risk.** No, you don't have to let her try skydiving! But if she's never climbed a tree, give her the chance to learn the skill. Trying and mastering hard things (riding a bicycle, tying shoes, swimming) is how your child learns.

◆ **Don't let weak areas slide.** If there is a subject your child struggles with, don't let her take the whole summer off. Ask the teacher for some ideas about how she can practice over the summer so her learning doesn't slide backwards.

Source: "it's Summer, Let's Read!" Instructor, Summer 2011.

Three reasons attendance is *still* important!

- 1. Learning hasn't stopped.** Teachers are still planning lessons and teaching new content. Kids who aren't in school won't know this information for next year. Students who miss just 10% of instructional days of school in their early years are still behind their peers when they reach high school.
- 2. Teachers often plan** group projects for the end of the year. These projects help students learn cooperation, problem solving and responsibility. All are skills they'll need in the workplace.
- 3. Regular attendance** teaches kids to be dependable. That's an important quality for everyone to develop.

STUDENTS, REMEMBER YOUR READING LOGS THIS SUMMER!

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 3- 5th Grade Dance- 6:00 PM
- May 10- Rock Creek Field Day
- May 12- Mother's Day
- May 17-21- BOGO Book Fair
- May 17- Pre-K Awards- 12:30 PM
- May 20- 1st Grade Awards- 9:00 AM
- May 20- 2nd Grade Awards- 12:30 PM
- May 20- Kindergarten Graduation- 6:00 PM
- May 21- 4th Grade Awards- 9:00 AM
- May 21- 3rd Grade Awards- 12:30 PM
- May 22- 5th Grade Graduation- 6:00 PM
- May 24- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- 8-9:30 AM

