

Dates to Remember:

First Day of School August	20
Labor Day-NO SCHOOL September	2
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Kindergarten-Mrs. Armstrong

First Grade-Mrs. Whitson



The last few weeks have been very busy for Kindergarteners getting ready for graduation and our nursery rhyme show. We worked very hard to get ready. We first read many nursery rhyme books to allow the students to hear lots of rhymes. The students then chose their rhymes and other classmates to help them act out their nursery rhyme.

The major work then began. Lots of props were made along with scenery pictures that were all colored by the class. They did a great job. We also made hats needed along with pig and sheep masks as well. Tails were also made for the pigs and mice. We finally got eve-

rything done for our program. On June 10th, the special evening finally was here for the students to graduate from Pre-school and Kindergarten. Some students were a little nervous but they did a great job marching down the aisle in their caps and gowns. Each class had a special song to sing and then received their certificates.

We then moved on to the nursery rhyme show. I was so proud of all of my students. They were all very brave and said their nursery rhymes by themselves. They were also great helpers for their classmates in helping them do their rhymes. It was a wonderful night and one I hope will be memories for many years to come for my students and their families.



Wow, what a year! To better state that- what a GREAT year! First Graders covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting projects this year. They worked very hard to develop skills needed for second grade. I believe they are now ready for that challenge!



Each of your children brought immense joy and happiness to our classroom. I was so fortunate to have such a wonderful group of children this year. My family often laughs at me when I refer to your children as "my kids". (They all have a special place in my heart like they could be my own children.) They all have touched my life this school year in a very positive and rewarding way. I will truly miss them next year.

Thankfully I will still get to see them.

It has been my pleasure getting to know, not only your child, but you as well. Having parental support and open lines of communication is an essential part of any successful school year. Thank you for all you have done to make our year so fulfilling and memorable. I send out a special thank you to our 'Room Mother', Julia Bryant, for coordinating our fabulous, fun parties this year. I also thank all of those who helped her.

Again, thank you for a wonderful year. Have a fantastic summer and see you in the fall!



Second Grade-Mrs. Hepler



The end of the school year is sad and happy. You start planning for New Beginnings but miss past students. The end of the year brought us lots of excitement. We had a Fancy Nancy Party. We read Fancy Nancy books which tells of fancy words that mean the same thing. We brainstormed words and also got many words out of the books we read. We made posters with Fancy letters. We had a fashion show showing our words. We also had a tea party with tea and cookies where we learned how to set a fancy table and how to have proper etiquette at the table. Students also got to dress up in the fancy clothes and wear lots of Bling. They all looked adorable!! China and Egypt were also fun. We enjoyed learning about mummies and the customs of China and Egypt. We had our China party with real Chinese food, chopsticks and fortune cookies.

The students loved the food and actually could use the chopsticks quite well. I was so proud of the class for earning enough points for the AR trip. We all had a blast! I have enjoyed working with your students this year. They have come so far. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!!

## *Third Grade-Mrs. Madison*

The last nine weeks of school found us learning new information and reviewing for SOLs. We enjoyed our field trip to the Frontier Museum, the Young Author's trip to Bath Co. High School, and the AR reward trip. Field day and the ROAR event were fun as well. We sent Flat Stanley to other places in VA as well as WV, PA, NC, OK, TX, AK, MT, and Afghanistan.



## *Fourth Grade-Ms. Manion*

Fourth grade worked very hard the last nine weeks to review and finish our curriculum. We went over geometry, measurement, graphing, and probability in math. In addition, we studied the twentieth century in Virginia. Furthermore, we studied animals and our solar system in science. Of course, we continued reading. Everyone enjoys their summer but please take time to read a little over the summer as well. It prevents

students from losing the ground they gained over the last school year.



## *Summer Reading Rocks at MES*

Summer is an awesome time to read together with your children! It's a great way to end a hot, busy day by chilling out with a book before bedtime. It also provides entertainment during the rainy and stormy afternoons. Remember that libraries are air-conditioned, so they provide a cool retreat for the hot weather. Goshen and Bath County Public Libraries are offering fun summer reading programs with reading incentives and special programs.

Research shows that children who read for pleasure in the summer do better and forget less when they go back to school. And it's not just in reading....kids who don't read over the summer can backslide in all subject areas. Each student was given a fun reading chart to complete over their vacation. We are planning an outstanding **READING ROCKS CELEBRATION** for those who return their charts during the first week back at school. Also, check out the websites below for other ideas and online books. Help your children and build lasting memories together by sharing good books together in Summer 2013!

[www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/summer/](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/summer/)

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

<http://www.guysread.com/>

<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/read/resources/edpicks.jhtml>

<http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm>

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