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Friends of Valley View,

On Thursday, the 4th of June, the school year will end at 12:10! BUT LEARNING DOES NOT END! This summer, please do the best you can to keep the written word in front of your children. **Have your child read daily!!!** Math games and writing activities will keep all of our students on an even keel. Like any body part, the brain will atrophy without exercise. Give your child the challenges they need to keep up with their peers or even move beyond.

This summer, the Valley View School Library will be open on Thursdays, June 25th through July 30th, from 11:00-2:00. During this time, the VVES Library and Computer Lab will be available for current students. Lunch will be served! Julie Colson, Teresa Rae and Sheila Lavala will volunteer their services, working with the community librarians to make this summer program special!

On the second page of this letter, is a list of free educational Internet Sites. If you do not have the Internet, the Public Library is at your disposal. **The Boundary County Public Library is a special place!**

Speaking of the Public Library:

- Story Time continues to be the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. All ages are welcome.
- 2015 Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero has a Story" will run from June 17 to August 7. Signups will be available on mid-June at the Public Library.

Two notes to finish up with:

- Continue to collect Box Tops and Litehouse lids/labels over the summer. These simple items make a huge financial contribution to our school!
- The class lists for 2015-2016 will be posted on August 27

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for another positive school year. We, at VVES, are looking forward to another great school year to come. Challenges make us stronger! I sincerely appreciate the trust this community has offered me. I look forward to leading this program deep into the 21st Century.

P.S. **READ, READ & READ some more!** Write letters and poems! Play math games! Play together, love each other, and stay positive! Stay healthy, exercise and eat well! Success begins in the home! Occasionally stop, hug your child and take a quick look for head lice (they really never go away).

Have a Great Summer! And remember.....

The more you read, the more you know, The more you know, the smarter you grow, The smarter you grow, the stronger your voice, When speaking your mind or making a choice!

Upcoming events

5/27	12:30-2:30 4th grade Funkhouser to museum
5/27	5 th Grade Libby Dam
5/28	2:00 Talent School
6/1	9:00 Volunteer Appreciation Assembly 9:30 Brunch
	10:30 Kickball Game Staff & Volunteers vs. 5th grade
6/2	11:00-1:00 P.E. Celebration
6/3	PM 5th Bowling (award for meeting individual reading goal)
6/4	8:30 5th Grade Promotion 12:20 Dismissal

Websites for Ed Fun!!!

Great websites that lead you to fun activities and interesting stuff.

- 1. Kahn Academy www.khanacademy.org
- 2. Moby Max Math www.mobymax.com
- National Geographic Kids' Site <u>kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/</u>
 News, games, activities, experiments, cartoons, coloring books. Great feature articles.
- 4. The Little Animals Activity Centre www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/menu.shtml
 Play a word game with Digby Mole, a numbers game with Count Hoot, read a story with StoryBear, or play a music game with Foxy Dancer.
- 5. San Francisco Symphony Kids' Site www.sfskids.org/

Fun with music! Learn about symphonies. Listen to different instruments play. Compose your own music. Click "Radio" to hear some of the world's best music.

6. Seussville <u>www.seussville.com/</u>

Play games, read books, read a biography of Dr. Seuss. This is a site based on the works of Dr. Seuss.

7. Literacy Center www.literacycenter.net/

Great games for Kindergarten! Letters, numbers, shapes, colors, writing.

8. Funbrain www.funbrain.com/

Great educational games for kids.

9. Sports Illustrated for Kids www.sikids.com/

All about sports for kids.

10. Crayola Kids www.crayola.com/

Arts and crafts, games, quote of the day, jukebox, card creator, color corner, coloring and activities!

11. **PBS Kids Games** http://pbskids.org/games/

Fun games - matching, coloring, shapes, design a cereal box, music, and much more.

- 12. **Math Magician Games** <u>www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html</u>
 Basic fact website
- 13. Power My Learning powermylearning.org/

Has thousands of free educational games & learning activities for kids in all major K-12 subjects & aligned to the Common Core Standards

14. NASA For Kids www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/#.U2AXPPIdWSo

Brings you the latest images, videos and news from America's space agency. Get the latest updates on NASA missions, watch NASA and play games too.

15. The Stacks For Kids www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/

Sign in to the online website for **kids** about books, reading, authors, and games. **Kids** connect to books through online friends in their community profiles.