

# HAPPY SUMMER

June 2021

Dear Upcoming Kindergarten Parents,

I am very excited for this coming school year to begin! However, I am also very excited for the summer! Often times over the summer it is easy to forget some of the things you've learned. Teacher's call this the "Summer Slide". Here at Calverton we like to send home some activities to help prevent our students from succumbing to the dreaded summer slide!

We have put together a very informative and extensive packet of suggested summer work. This work is meant to be fun, but also an opportunity for your child to continue practicing the things they have learned and also to be introduced to some new ideas and skills that they will see in kindergarten. There are many options to choose from. I just ask that you choose which work best for your schedule, time, and child. This work is not required nor needs to be turned in. We offer these suggestions as opportunities for continued growth. With that said, I would also like to make sure that your kiddo has plenty of time to just play this summer! There are many ways to incorporate gross and fine motor skills into outdoor play. Here is a list of suggested outdoor activities:

Gross Motor Skills	Fine Motor Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jump on trampolines</li><li>• Play hopscotch</li><li>• Complete obstacle courses</li><li>• Play on the playground</li><li>• Play with balloons and bubbles</li><li>• Ride tricycles, scooters, and pedal cars</li><li>• Have a dance party</li><li>• Climb on uneven surfaces</li><li>• Go swimming</li><li>• Play sports/ball games</li><li>• Play hula hoop games</li><li>• Bean bag toss</li><li>• Large Jenga game</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paint with dirt</li><li>• Practice creating numbers, letters, and names with sticks and stones</li><li>• Draw with chalk</li><li>• Pop bubbles</li><li>• Play in the sand</li><li>• Wash cars - practice squeezing out a sponge</li><li>• Pin clothes on a clothes line</li><li>• Have a water fight with a spray bottle or water guns</li><li>• Paint rocks</li><li>• Collect nature and put it in a bookbag</li></ul>

If you would like to sneak in some academic learning as well, you could easily incorporate letters and numbers into any of these activities. Please feel free to reach out this summer if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you all!

Sincerely,

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