

## Research Shows...

Summer reading slide, or losing reading skills over the summer, has a cumulative effect on a student's reading growth.

"A summer loss of three months accumulates over the elementary grade summers to become a gap of 18 months by the end of sixth grade. By middle school, summer reading loss plus an initial achievement lag at the beginning of first grade, produces a cumulative lag of two or more years in reading achievement, even when effective instruction during the school year is available." (McGill-Franzen & Allington, 2010)

"Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a report from the National Summer Learning Association: "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year.... It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills." (Reading is Fundamental).

"Six books to summer success: Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy," (Scholastic Parents, 2012).

# Cannon River STEM School News

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## Earth Week News at CRSS

The Green Sneakers environmentally friendly fundraiser was a success. Students learned about the value a pair of shoes has and families kept sneakers out of the landfill. CRSS students surpassed the school goal of 280 pair of sneakers by 112 pair (you'll have to do the math for the total) and for a total weight of 535 pounds. More information about the Green Sneakers program is available at [www.greensneakers.org](http://www.greensneakers.org)

Throughout the week classes participated in projects with an Earth Day focus. We will continue this focus with our campus and neighborhood clean up service projects during the morning of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Family volunteers are always welcome, watch for details in your children's weekly peeks.

The first Earth Week Fair was host to 11 stations where students learned more about ways to keep our Earth healthy.

Watch for an email with ideas and links from the various stations to continue making a difference in how your family treats the water, soil, animals and landfills.



Please read through the clothing policy. Remember that closed toe shoes, shirts that cover the shoulders, and pants that stay up higher than the underwear and are longer than the fingertips are the expectation at CRSS.

# May 2013

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

		<b>1</b> MCA Science: 5th	<b>2</b> MCA Math: 4th K-3 Music @ 6:30 Book Fair	<b>3</b> Grandparents Day 4th-6th Music @ 1:00 Field Trip: 3rd
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> NWEA Math: 2nd	<b>8</b> NWEA Math: 2nd Early Dismissal @ 12:50 Field Trip: K	<b>9</b> Board Meeting @ 7:00	<b>10</b> Field Trip: 1st
<b>13</b> NWEA Reading: 2nd Field Trip: 3rd & 4th	<b>14</b> NWEA Reading: 2nd Field Trip: 7th & 8th	<b>15</b> Field Trip: 2nd	<b>16</b> Raptor League Meeting @ 7:00	<b>17</b> Field Trip: 1st
<b>20</b> Field Trip: 5th & 6th	<b>21</b> Field Trip: K	<b>22</b> Field Trip: 1st & 4th	<b>23</b> Field Trip: 2nd	<b>24</b> Field Trip: 1st
<b>27</b> No School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Field Trip: 8th 8th Grade Commence- ment @ 6:00	<b>31</b> Last day of school Happy Summer!

**\*\* Reminders \*\* Reminders \*\* Reminders \*\***

- Please take note of any field trips coming up for your student(s). Look for details from your student's weekly peeks.
- Visit the Book Fair this week and pick up a few books! There will be many science books to choose from and each book can help prevent that summer slide! Plus, every visitor has a chance to enter their name in a drawing for an original David LaRochelle drawing. Book Fair hours are:

Thursday, May 2nd      8:30 am—12:30pm      Student preview and purchase

2:00 pm — 3:00 pm      Student preview and purchase

5:30 pm— 8:30 pm

Friday, May 3rd      8:30 am—3:30 pm

\* Parents and families are welcome to visit the Book Fair during any of the open hours.

\*\* You may also shop online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/cannonriverstem>