

Cannon River STEM School
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“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not to triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well.” Olympic Creed

Welcome to the second year of the CRSS Summer Newsletter. This family communication will feature links to activities to help prevent the academic summer slide. We also want to keep you posted on important dates and activities happening throughout the summer.

Prevent “Summer Slide”

Enjoy!

Ms. Nalani and the CRSS Staff

[Read on to find a few great tips from our CRSS staff...](#)



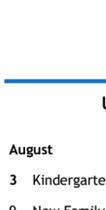
Social Studies:
 Find out more about hosting your own summer Olympics as a way to get to know the people in your neighborhood. At <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/olympic-games> you can find plans for games, refreshments and even how to make medals. There is a link to famous Olympians at this site too that features athletes from various sports from around the globe.

How many athletes from how many countries will participate in the Summer Olympics that began August 5th?



Third through eighth graders should be using the Learning Locator number on their Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment scores to practice identified skills.

Math:
 Fact fluency has been shown to be an indicator of math success. Knowing the basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication or division means that more time can be spent solving the problem and less time getting lost in the problem. At www.xtramath.org families sign up for an account to practice facts.



English Language Arts:
 What is the connection between coding and English Language Arts? Check out www.scratch.mit.edu and figure out how to make your own video game using reading, writing, and viewing—so ... what are you waiting for, programmers? Get coding! (There is a good page for parents with explanations about coding and a TED talk by Mitch Resnick.)

Check out the Tumble Books at the library!

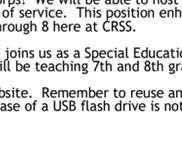


Go to www.rbnc.org and click on Public Programs to check out remaining camps and opportunities right here in Faribault.

Science:
 It's never too early to dream about a career you might like to have someday. Go to <http://kids.usa.gov> and find the science icon. Watch the videos to learn about incredible careers in the area of science like aerospace engineers, archeologists, astronauts, and brain scientists.

If you want to add the art to STEM to make STEAM the vinegar and baking soda experiment has a colorful twist and thorough directions at the Mobil Ed Productions, Inc. site. Look for Colors and Chemicals | Science Experiment for Kids that was posted on Wednesday, July 27th. <http://www.mobiledproductions.com/7Bios>

Guess Who? Which teacher recommended Blueberries for Sal.
 She wrote that it reminded her of when she goes blueberry picking in Northfield each summer.



Upcoming Events

- August**
- 3 Kindergarten Orientation/3rd Playdate @ 6:00 pm
 - 9 New Family Orientation @ 6:00 pm
 - 10 Begin Before School Conference Sign-up
 - 20 Family Work Day @ 8:00 am
 - 26 Burger Fry @ 5:30 pm—KC Hall
 - 31 Before School Conferences
- September**
- 1 Before School Conferences
 - 6 First Day of School

Announcing a Publication Party for THIS IS NOT A CAT!

Join both the author & illustrator at the Red Bull Bookshop 891 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN on Saturday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m.

• Free food, printing & more soon
 • Book reading, drawing, and signing
 • A fun celebration!

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Remember when Tall Dave came to CRSS as the Year of the Reader author? There are signed pictures in our library from his visit. Which reminds us that it is never too late to return books to the library and NEVER EVER too late to start your summer reading list.

News and Notes:

More exciting news from Americorps! We will be able to host a full time Promise Fellow when Mr. Chris Fuelling joins us to start his year of service. This position enhances the programming and lives of many students especially in grades 6 through 8 here at CRSS.

Announcing: Cassandra Quamme joins us as a Special Education Teacher, Kim Penning will be teaching 16th grade and, Kristin Guin-Grosse will be teaching 7th and 8th graders.

School supply lists are on the website. Remember to reuse and recycle! For students in 6th through 8th grade please note that the purchase of a USB flash drive is not required.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at info@cannonriverstemschool.org or call 507-331- (STEM)7836