

# “To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk.”

Thomas A. Edison, U.S. Inventor (1847-1931)

I spy with my little eye ...



What do you see?

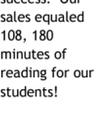
## June Greetings,

Over the summer we would like to stay in touch with you. The two previous summers we used a tool called Mail Chimp that was filled with suggestions to help your child continue to learn and keep those valuable skills they gained during the school year. We would like to try a new format this summer. Please let us know how you like it.

Ms. Nalani and the CRSS Staff

Prevent  
“Summer  
Slide”

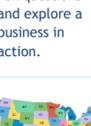
[Read on to find a few great tips from our CRSS staff...](#)



Thank you for making the May book fair a tremendous success. Our sales equaled 108, 180 minutes of reading for our students!

As a family read a book that has been turned into a movie. Then watch the movie. What were the similarities, what did the filmmakers add or leave out? Which did you like better and why? Here are some book/movies to try: *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Charlotte's Web*, *Jumanji*, *Matilda*, *Night at the Museum*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Little Women*, *Treasure Island*, or *Around the World in 80 Days*.

Or ask Ms. Deni at the library for a recommendation.



Check out the Faribault Farmers' Market as a way to practice math. Ask questions and explore a business in action.

There are many ways to practice math each week during the summer. One computer resource is IXL.com This website has free trial activities for all ages and is recommended by the Project Lead the Way director of computer science. Monthly subscriptions are also available for families.

If you have favorite websites for practicing math please share with us.



If you are in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th or 7th grade in the fall remember it is never to early to be putting science fair ideas in a notebook.

**Problem:** Use the formula  $\text{speed} = \text{distance} / \text{time}$  to calculate your average speed driving in a car or riding your bike. You will need a stop watch and a measuring device.

This website has 3 different resources that allow students to invent and engineer while practicing computer science.

[More details...](#)  
[www.CRSSWalters.weebly.com](http://www.CRSSWalters.weebly.com)



Tell us your favorite state to visit and why—send in your answer for a future newsletter!

The website link below is for an activity on readwritethink. Design a travel brochure describing a place you visit this summer. The goal is to persuade someone to visit it. This could be a fun reading and writing activity, where a student can use other travel brochures as a resource to help create their own.

[More details...](#)  
<http://valleyparentmagazine.com/six-math-projects-that-make-summer-count/>

## Upcoming Events—July and August

### July

- 7 1st Kindergarten Playdate. Don't forget to RSVP
- 13 2nd Summer Session begins
- 23 2nd Kindergarten Playdate. Don't forget to RSVP

### August

- 6 Kindergarten Orientation
- 11 New Family Orientation
- 21 Burger Fry @ Knights of Columbus Hall
- 29 Family Workday

### September

- 2 & 3 Before School Conferences

## News and Notes:

Welcome to Rich Krannich as part of the CRSS Office Staff. Mr. Rich will be working throughout the summer with Ms. Nicole getting all the systems and processes in place that help make the school run smoothly in the fall.

Construction on the last three classrooms at the Middle School Village is progressing—the footings and preparation for the subfloor are in. This building project will complete the physical changes to the campus that were originally designed to eventually house our two section K-8 learning community.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at [crssinfo@cannonriverstemschool.org](mailto:crssinfo@cannonriverstemschool.org) or call 507-331- (STEM)7836