

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

We made it! Congratulations! Here is a quick update for the week of 6/2-6/5.

Last Day: A huge thanks to the parents that helped facilitate the end-of-the-year celebration. We cheered on the staff as they BEAT the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in softball, painted birdhouses, signed beach balls, and ate lots of celebration-worthy foods.

As I had the group together one last time, I attempted to tell them how much they meant to me this year. In my eleven years of teaching, I feel like I never got to know a group better than this bunch. They each brought something unique to the learning environment. They had great chemistry together. They always tried their best. They were great listeners. They were kind and helpful to me and to each other. However, I choked up in front of them and only managed, "I love you guys." They all mean so much to me, and I can't wait to see them in the halls as Palm Crest's big second graders! Thank you for all of your support and for guiding and nurturing such amazing children!

Summer Jobs: The learning shouldn't stop on the last day of school. Encourage your child to read, write, and challenge themselves in math often. You can see by the large stack of practice books that went home yesterday that we didn't find the time to complete everything that the grade level team ordered this school year. These would make great tools to help prevent the "summer slip." The websites that we utilized all year should still be accessible to you over the summer. The public library offers summer reading programs, or just a wide selection of new reading material. Don't forget about the summer iRead program. Let's see if we can make those dads do the hula. However, do make sure that you make family time a priority and enjoy your long summer days together.

New Pictures/Videos: I added the last of my photos to the Shutterfly site. If you took any great pics over the course of the year, feel free to share them. Visit <https://mrsbeyersfirstgrade201314.shutterfly.com/> to see a year's worth of pictures and videos. I plan to leave the site up all summer.

Language arts: We finally completed all of our end-of-the-year assessments! We then spent time putting together our portfolios for the year and wrapping up various other projects.

Math: We learned that fractions are parts of a whole. The top number stands for the amount that is shaded, and the bottom numbers stands for the total number of pieces in all.

Science/Social Studies: Our habitat of the week this week was the pond. We heard all about the plants and animals that live together and help each other there.

Specials: Mrs. Blaney taught us a digital citizenship lesson about finding websites that are safe and appropriate for first graders. Later in the week, we explored three new apps in the iPad lab: Tangrams, Sushi Monster, and Math Fight.

Important dates:

-Monday, June 9: Report Cards mailed home

-Tuesday, August 12: School resumes

As always, contact me with any questions.

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