



SUMMER@CARROLL NEWS

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From the Director:

In spite of three days of clouds, rain and cool temperatures, Summer@Carroll has started off with much positive energy. In this short three-day week, Carroll summer students made new friends, started intensive academic work and just had fun at camp. There was much indoor play in the afternoons because of the Seattle-type weather. Next week hopefully will be more like a New England summer so we can all get outdoors. Think summer.

Happy & Safe Independence Day celebration to all Carroll families!

Reminder: No program on Friday, July 3rd.

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Academics:

Despite a soggy start, students seem to have settled into the summer camp routine well. The academic morning for *Elementary/Middle* (Grades 3-7) students includes traveling to a writing class, math class, Orton Gillingham language tutorial and activity period. A short snack and recess break provide a chance for students to socialize with friends and run around the playground. Students eagerly head off for lunch after a rigorous morning of academics, which they know is followed by a fun filled afternoon of games and exciting adventures! Beginning next week, check your child's backpack each Thursday for work samples sent home by math, writing and tutorial.

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Writing Class (Grades 3-7):

Writing is underway at Summer@Carroll! Students have been writing Bio-Poems to share about themselves and get to know their classmates. This summer at Carroll, students will work on developing their writing skills using journaling, creative writing, mini-lessons, and formal written pieces. Through modeling, guided practice, and independent practice, students will have the opportunity to apply what they learn about the writing process in a final product such as a comic strip, class magazine, or portfolio.

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Math classes (Grades 3-7):

Math classes for all grades have started off very well. While the theme for this summer is place value, we will continue to review the concepts your child was introduced to this past school year. Grades 5-7 have enjoyed their introduction to the computer program, *Fastt Math*, which works on their fact fluency. Some of you may be looking for games or websites that your child can enjoy during this rainy weather. Please visit the Carroll web page and follow the links to the math pages.

Instructions:

Go to the Carroll Web page
www.carrollschool.org
Select *Academics*
Select *Carroll Student Links* on the left side of the page
Select the *Math Department*

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Beginning Readers News:

The Beginning Readers had a rainy, but great start to Summer@Carroll! They began getting-to-know-you activities and lots of friendships were formed. BR met with their Language Tutors and began Language class with their small groups. In BR math, the students started playing Cognitive Games, Place Value Games, and participating in Symphony Math on the Computers. Reminder: It looks like it may be a rainy summer, please pack your child with a water-proof jacket with hood daily, along with having them wear sneakers. Crocs & Sandals are great but get very slippery when wet!!

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High School Readiness had busy week...

Metro Rock in Everett, MA was the scene of some exciting rock climbing for the *High School Readiness* group on Wednesday. All 14 students and many of the HSR staff ventured onto the challenging climbing course.

This afternoon, the HSR group went off to Boston for a tour of the Massachusetts State House. I'm sure they had some suggestions for the State legislators on Beacon Hill!

Absent or tardy "hot line"

Call (781) 259-8342, extension 4000 to report a student absence, tardy arrival or early dismissal. You can also send an email to: gsummers@carrollschool.org. Call or e-mail prior to 8:20 so that we have an accurate attendance count for the day. If for any reason the Carroll phones are "down" due to weather, call 617-901-5271 to leave a message for Greely Summers.

Camp starts at 8:30 a.m. promptly:

Attendance is taken daily at 8:30. Please plan to arrive on time so that your child is not marked absent. All students arriving after 8:45 report to

the gym to check-in so attendance can be finalized by 9:00 for the day.

Dismissal Reminder:

Please do not arrive early for afternoon pick up. *Beginning Reader* dismissal is at 2:30. Parents can arrive on campus at 2:20 to line up around the circle at the Gate House. Camp dismissal for grades 3-9, plus the *Beginning Readers'* extended day, is at 4:00. The earliest cars are allowed on campus is 3:45. *Do not come early and park on Baker Bridge Road: the Lincoln police will ticket cars waiting on the street.* When driving on to the Carroll School campus, please drive slowly! Even if you are late, the kids are being supervised in the gym (after 4:15) so there is no hurry to get up the hill.

No Electronic Devices at Carroll, please!

We want kids at Summer@Carroll to socialize with other campers, not be isolated playing personal video games on portable electronic equipment. Please have students leave Nintendo, PSP, and DS at home. There is no need to bring iPods, either. If a child needs to have a cell phone at camp, it is to be kept in their bags and turned off. If there is a need to use the phone, the campers can ask permission.

The Early Drop Off/Late Pick-Up Services:

For students being dropped off early (no earlier than 7:30 a.m.) and/or picked up late (no later than 5:30 p.m.), the gym is the point of early drop off and late pick-up. This service requires pre-registration and pre-payment.

Early dismissal:

Any student being picked up earlier than the normal dismissal time should have a note signed by a parent. Each camp group's counselor will collect these notes. The recommended early pick up times in the afternoons are between 12:30-1:00 or 2:30-2:45 due to breaks in the schedule. All early pick-ups are at the gym, except the *Beginning Readers* who get picked at the Gatehouse building.

Proper Camp Footwear:

Campers are strongly urged to wear sneakers each day. This will eliminate the potential for foot & toe injuries. Flip flops are not protection

enough especially during the afternoon activities.

What to pack each day

Students should bring the following items every day in their backpacks:

- Towel
- Bathing suit for water activities (daily)
- Sunscreen (30 SPF or higher)
- Bug repellent
- Sneakers, *not* flip flops
- Refillable water bottle
- Lunch!! (Milk provided starting next week at lunch)

Please make sure that your child's name is on all personal belongings.

2009 Summer Speaker Series:

The Carroll Summer Speaker Series starts on Tuesday, July 7th from 8:30-10:00. Louise Freese, Director of the Garside Institute for Teacher Training (GIFTT) will present: *What Is the Orton-Gillingham Language Approach?* This presentation provides an overview of the characteristics of the Orton-Gillingham approach. Louise will describe each of these characteristics and how it relates to reading and spelling instruction. Specific strategies will be discussed and suggestions will be given to help parents support their students outside of the classroom. Language tutors will be available before the presentation for a brief "meet & greet" over coffee and refreshments.

This initial Speaker Series presentation will be in the Spaulding Auditorium. You can park in the Spaulding parking lot which is on the left after Needham Station as you drive down the hill at Carroll.

There is still space available for all four speaker presentations; walk-ins welcome.

To register in advance, call the Summer@Carroll office: 781-259-8342,

Ext. 3031.

Walden trips next week:

Starting on Monday, campers will start going to Walden Pond to swim. Here is the schedule for next week:

Monday, July 6: Groups C, D

Tuesday, July 7: Groups E, F, and Grade 7

Wednesday, July 8: Groups A, B

Thursday, July 9: Groups C, D

Rocket Day at Carroll on Friday, July 10: (No Walden Pond) All camp groups will participate in *Rocket Day* featuring a variety of exciting rocket activities on the lower field at Carroll.

Great Brook Farm Trip for Grades 3-6:

The farm and buildings at Great Brook Farm comprise a classic eastern Massachusetts agricultural landscape. The arrangement of open fields, sturdy walls, diversified woodlands and historic structures are significant images of our agricultural past.

Great Brook Farm is an active dairy farm operates year-around. Summer@Carroll students, Grades 3-6) will have a tour of the dairy operations, finishing up with an ice cream treat. Here is next weeks schedule:

Monday, July 6: Groups A, B1

Tuesday, July 7: Groups B2, C

Wednesday, July 8: D, E1

Thursday, July 9: E2, F

Important Phone Numbers:

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