



The Principal's Corner

Dear Families,

This is our last school newsletter of the 2012-13 school year. Another successful school year has come to an end! Wayman Academy continues to be successful due to the wonderful collaborative partnership between students, staff, and parents. Our students have grown academically, socially, and emotionally this year due to the excellent teaching from our wonderful staff and support from our parents. I want to recognize our students for their perseverance, hard-work, and effort displayed throughout the school year.

Do not forget to check the school website this summer for the 2013-14 school calendar. You will see that school begins again on Monday, August 19th. We will have an informal Open House for all families on Thursday, August 15th from 9:00-10:30 a.m. This is a time when students and their parents can come and visit the new classrooms. It is purposefully planned prior to the first full day of school so that children can find their classrooms, connect with their teachers, and begin to transition to the idea of school versus summer vacation!

We will also be sending phone messages in August with more details about the upcoming school year. Until then we thank you for all you have done to make this past year so memorable, and we look forward to partnering with you next year. Please enjoy a restful, rejuvenating, and relaxing summer! We look forward to seeing everyone upon our return for the 2013-2014 school year.

Simaran Bakshi
Principal

The World of Kindergarten

"Parents and Guardians" We have made it to the end of a successful school year in Kindergarten. Over the last 180 days your child has been engaged in reading various non-fiction and fiction books, learning how to write their name, writing sentences, learning about poems, math, art, music, and so much more. All the Kindergarten teachers wish all students a safe and happy summer. We encourage you to have fun this summer, but remember to immerse them in reading over the summer...PLEASE. Visit any public library to obtain a free library card. Use the summer as a

time to have fun, and to brush up on other teaching skills too. The Dollar Tree sells inexpensive learning books and crafts, your child can work on over those long summer days. Again, we are proud of all our students and have a wonderful and safe summer break.

FIRST GRADE....HERE WE COME!!!



- **6/4-Last Day of the Book Fair**
- **6/4-Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony (9:30 a.m.); Kindergarten Graduation Party & Movie (12 Noon)**
- **6/5-End of the Year Awards: 1st & 2nd Grades (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.); 3rd & 4th Grades (1:30 - 2:30 p.m.)**
- **6/6-5th Grade Graduation Ceremony; All Grade Levels EOY Parties, except Kindergarten; Last Day to pay for student's lost classroom & library books**
- **6/7-Last Day of School (12 Noon Dismissal); Report Cards Go Home**



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1st Grade

As our year is coming to an end, we are looking back and are so excited to see all the growth that our students have shown and continue to show. We have learned many great things this year and we know our first graders will do awesome next year in 2nd grade! We will be sending home a list of suggested books to read for 2nd grade and we hope that you spend the summer reading many great books and talking about them together. Have a GREAT summer!

2nd Grade

The month of May has certainly been an amazing month. We second graders are extremely proud of all that we've accomplished this year and we want to share just a smidge with you.

First of all let's go back in time with Social Studies. We studied the different branches of government and their jobs. We now know there is a Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., as well as one in each state. Did you know there are nine judges on the Supreme Court? We are thrilled to say, we are working on learning their names. On Memorial Day, we enjoyed our day out of school, but we also learned how special the men and women, who defend our country truly are. Did you know there are five branches of the service? They are the Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Army. Let's don't forget the National Guard. We learned that President Barak Obama is our Commander-in-Chief.

We continued our studies of chapter books in Reading. We read *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little*, and *Moon at Midnight*. We really liked

the character Annie, in *Moon at Midnight*. Math was an adventure as we studied multiplication, division, and fractions. We can represent numbers in the millions using a place value chart.

Finally, the month was wrapped up reviewing Science concepts. Animals without backbones are known as invertebrates and animals with backbones (mammals) are known as vertebrates. Can you name at least 3 animals, for each category? WE CAN!!

3rd Grade

We would like to thank you for entrusting Wayman Academy of the Arts with your children's education. We had such a great year with them. Be sure to have a lot of fun this summer spending quality time with family and friends, and be safe. However, don't forget to keep practicing your Reading and Math skills on the helpful websites (Interactive Reading Comprehension 3 - 5, FCAT Explorer, Scootpad, etc.). Again, have an awesome summer as we look forward to seeing you next school year.



4th Grade

The school year is almost over, but students are still working hard to master 4th grade skills and prepare for 5th grade. Math instruction has transitioned from 4th skills to Step-Up to 5th grade lessons. Students continue to access IXL.com for math review and enrichment. Their passwords for this website will be valid over the summer, so we encourage them to use this effective Math resource. Students have the benefit of instruction from 5th grade teachers and students in Science and Language Arts. Therefore, they will be familiar with their teachers and some of the curriculum for next year. Additionally, in preparation for Language Arts, students will receive a 5th grade summer reading list along with their report cards. Textbooks collection will begin soon. Students are responsible for returning all books assigned to them. Failure to do so will result in a replacement fee. Please talk with your student to ensure he or she can locate the textbooks. Finally, the 4th grade end of the year awards ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th from 1:30—2:20 p.m. All students will be recognized, so please plan to attend.

5th Grade

The time is drawing near for 5th grade students to graduate and we are very excited about the transition! After FCAT, the students were introduced to class blogging through www.schoolrack.com. They complete weekly assignments, respond to their peers' comments, and make daily reflections concerning the topics discussed in class. They really enjoy the Discussion Board! In preparation for their middle school journey, the students are well on their way.