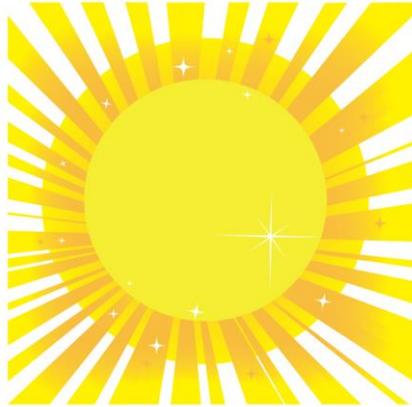


Summertime Enrichment



Summertime means relaxing and having free time, but sometimes you might become bored. If you do, take an idea from our Enrichment list, and have some fun!

**Have some fun in the kitchen...
Take Our Tasty Toast Toppers Challenge!!!**

***Toast can be so much more than just a slice of crusty bread,
Dress it up and make it elegant instead!!!***

**How many delicious ways can we dress up toast?
Create you very own “Tasty Toast Topper”!**

Make a Plan:

- + What kind of bread will you use? There are so many choices!**
- + Think of your favorite flavors. They could be sweet, savory, or a combination of both!**
- + Experiment with ingredients to create a really scrumptious, “dressed-up” toast.**
- + Give it a clever name.**

Once you’ve created a tasty toast, do this:

Email me the following information (jauchs@sbs-nj.org):

- Your name and grade**
- Your recipe’s name**
- List of ingredients**
- Instructions**
- A photo of your yummy toast!**

I’ll see you in September to celebrate your creation! ~ Mrs. Jauch

Here's A "Cool" Recipe!

Pineapple Orange Creamsicle Smoothies

(Recipe from twohealthykitchens.com)

Ingredients

- 2 cups ice
- 1 cup non-fat vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1 cup (or 8-ounce can) canned pineapple in juice, undrained (crushed, tidbits, chunks or rings)
- 1/3 cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- orange slices (optional, for garnish)

Instructions

1. Put all ingredients except orange slices into blender.
2. Blend until smooth. All ingredients should be well incorporated.
3. Pour into glasses and garnish each with an orange slice, if desired.

(Makes 4 Cups)



A listing of various free-time activities is listed starting on the next page: ENJOY!!!

✚ Frozen Goop!!!



Make your own GOOP, and then freeze it! Here's How...

Combine 1 ½ cups cornstarch and ¾ cup water in a large bowl.

Add in some food coloring (the neon colors are extra-cool looking!)

Stir to combine.

[If this is your first time making goop, AKA oobleck, here is the consistency you are aiming for: You should be able to press a handful of goop into a ball in your hand and it will feel solid. As soon as you release the pressure, the ball should “melt” back into a liquid.]

How to Freeze Goop



1. After mixing the colored goop, quickly pour the mixture into an ice cube tray.
2. .Freeze overnight.
3. When you are ready to play, pop the goop cubes out of the tray.

Art Activities to Try with Frozen Goop

- ✚ **Paint with it:** Rub the melting goop cubes on a piece of watercolor paper to create a painting. Let dry and flake off any extra.
- ✚ **Draw with it:** Use the goop cubes like chalk on the pavement outside. You won't see much as you draw but watch your drawing appear as the goop dries.
- ✚ **Do some color mixing:** Place a few cubes of two primary colors on three different styrofoam plates. Watch the secondary colors appear as the goop melts.

The Science Behind GOOP

- ✚ This project demonstrates states of matter. The basic states of matter are solids, liquids and gases. Frozen goop is a solid. When the goop melts it turns into a liquid...or does it? Goop is special type of substance because in its natural state it can act like both a solid and a liquid. It's called a non-Newtonian fluid which means the way it flows changes when you add pressure to it. When you press goop into a ball in your hand it feels like a solid but as soon as you let go it flows like a liquid.



Here are More Project Ideas...

- ✚ **Design a Comic Strip:** On a rainy day, think about a play, book, or even a TV Show. Invent your own characters and storylines. Put your story together in the form of a comic strip!
- ✚ **Become a Scientist:** Go outside with a notebook and pencil. Be a nature detective by spotting an animal (bird, insect, squirrel, etc.). Keep a close eye on its movements. Draw and write about the data you collect!
- ✚ **Recycle Objects:** Transform unneeded items such as a cereal box, an empty can, or paper or plastic shopping bags into something fun. After you create it, try using the item. If you feel it is a good design, make a few more and convince others to use them!

- ✚ **"Dress Up" Stories:** Write a play about an adventure. Then make your own costumes. Practice your lines, and present a show!
- ✚ **Rainbow Foam:** This fun science experiment will be a crowd favorite. It only takes 10 minutes to create! Try this with the help of a grown-up!



How to make Rainbow Foam:

To a bowl, add 2 TBSP. dish soap (such as Dawn), ¼ cup water, and food coloring. Mix on the highest setting with an electric mixer for 1 to 2 minutes. Your foam should form stiff peaks that hold their shape. Scoop it into a container and repeat as necessary until you have the desired amount and variety of colors.

This is great for outdoor playtime: scooping, forming into shapes, etc.

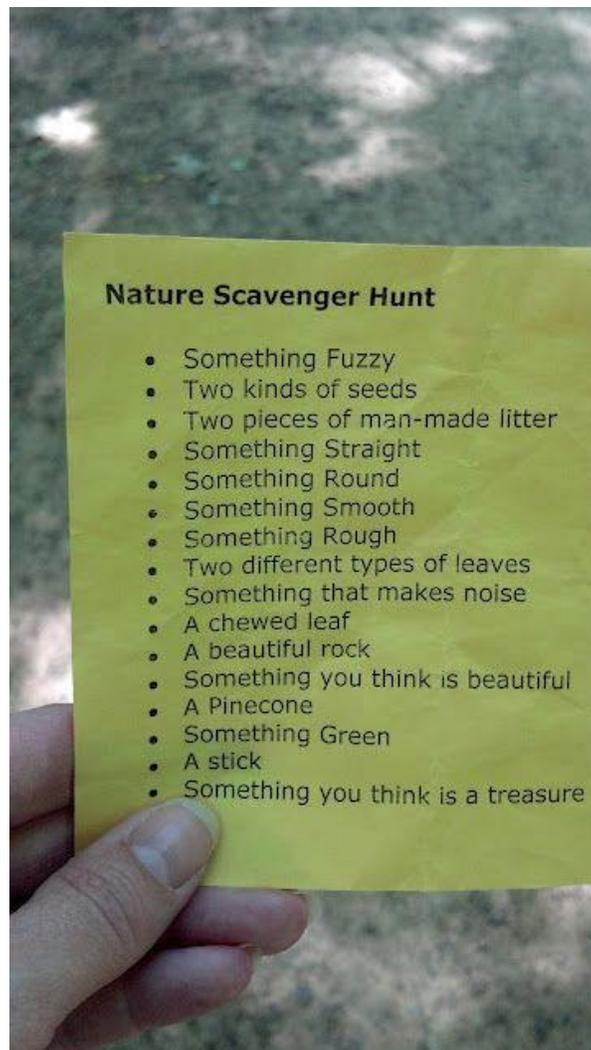
- ✚ **Play an online Learning Game, at Turtlediary.com.** There are many categories to choose from.
- ✚ **Produce a Puppet Show:** Get out those old socks you know will never see their match again, markers, squiggly eyes and whatever else you can come up with. Use them to create sock puppets. If you don't have socks, use paper bags, or be inventive with other unwanted items. Write a puppet play, get some "actors" if it's not a "one-man" show", and rehearse the scenes. Then, design "Playbills" and invitations. Make popcorn and lemonade. Finally, when showtime arrives, let the show begin!!!
- ✚ **Plan a Talent Show:** Get together with friends who would like to share their talents. These might include singing, dancing, performing magic tricks, telling jokes, etc. After practicing the acts, organize the program, send out invitations, plan on some refreshments, and amaze your audience!

- ✚ **Plan an Art Show:** Make a collection of artwork that you and your friends have created. Give each piece of art its own title. Decide how to display them in an interesting way. Create a pamphlet describing each art piece. Invite guests to your art show. Serve refreshments.

- ✚ **Wacky Web Tales:** Go to www.eduplace.com, to have fun creating “wacky web tales”. Click on the student tab at the top and then select Wacky Web Tales at the bottom left corner. There are lots of titles to choose from, and help is provided to identify the parts of speech you’ll need to complete each tale.

- ✚ **Conduct a Science Experiment:** With your parent’s permission, choose an experiment from one of these sites:
<http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/>
<http://www.scienceexperimentsforkids.org>
<http://www.sciencemadesimple.com/projects.html>
<http://sciencebob.com>

- ✚ **Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt!** Check out the list below and check off all the items you can find!



- ✚ **Phantom Photos:** Experiment with photography. Take photos of only parts of objects. Print out the photos and display them in an album. Give your album a clever title. Have friends look through the photos. Ask them try to identify what the pictures are part of. Supply an answer key at the back of the album. The answer key could show photos of the complete objects.

- ✚ **Creative Concert:** Create original musical instruments using a variety of items. Experiment using the sounds they make to create several songs. Practice until the music is perfected. Then, plan to present a concert for friends, family members, and neighbors. It would be fun to schedule the concert for an evening, so that you would have music under the stars!

- ✚ **Character Trading Cards:** Create and print out trading cards of your favorite characters from books you have read. Start a collection of your own, or trade them with friends! To create these cool character trading cards, go to: www.readwritethink.org. Type in Character Trading Cards in the search box.

- ✚ **Story Stones:** Collect flat stones. Once you have the stones, cut pictures from magazines or gather some stickers. The pictures need to be small enough to fit on the stones. Use a combination glue-sealer, like Mod Podge, to put the pictures on the stones and to paint over them. It will dry clear and make shiny story stones. You can also paint or draw on the stones with permanent markers. Your stones can show characters and settings from a story you have read. Use the stones to retell the story. Another idea is to create a set of random story stones. When you have a collection, play a Story Stone Challenge Game: Each player must take a certain amount of story stones (without looking!) The challenge is to use the random stones to create and tell an original story.

- ✚ **Organize a Book Club:** Get together a group of friends. Choose a book to read together. After you have read the book, participate in one of the following activities:
 - Create Character Trading Cards (mentioned above) for your favorite characters.
 - Dress as your favorite character and have a story celebration.
 - Create a set of Story Stones (mentioned above) to retell the story.
 - Write a new ending for the book.
 - Create a TV show based on the story.
 - Write a letter to the author, including your club's reaction to the book and any questions you may have.

- ✚ **Creative Construction:** Using toothpicks and glue, construct a ferris wheel that really turns, an insect whose wings actually move, an alien whose eyes open and close, or any other extremely cool object that you can imagine! You may want to experiment with various glues to find the one that holds the best. You might also experiment to determine whether flat or round toothpicks are better for your construction, or you might decide to combine the two.

- ✚ **Plant an Herb Garden:** You might want to research types of herbs and decide which you are interested in. If you don't have an outdoor area large enough to dig up for your planting, herbs can be grown in flower pots. Once the herbs begin to grow, "google" some recipes, and use your herbs to make a special dinner! Afterwards, rate the dinner using a form you have created. You may want to include appearance, taste, texture, and suggestions for how you would change the recipe next time.
- ✚ **Creative Eating:** Pull out some fruit, sprinkles, pretzel sticks, raisins, and other tasty treats. Make silly animals to eat as a snack. Give each animal a name. Write directions about how to make each tasty critter. Add a picture. Collect these recipe cards during the summer and save them in a book or in a small box that you decorate as your "Snack Zoo"!
- ✚ **Create a Nature Scrapbook:** Collect flowers, leaves, shells, and other natural keepsakes, as well as pictures of sunsets, the ocean, ponds and lakes, puddles and rainbows, birds and fish, and interesting animals. Display them in a scrapbook. Make notes on where and when you found them. Include their names and describe them by listing as many characteristics for each. Try to use adjectives that you haven't used before. Some items in your beautiful collection might inspire you to write a poem or find an interesting quote to add to the pages.
- ✚ **Wacky Words:** Collect some words that sound funny to you. Write each word's definition and the correct way to pronounce it. Then write a sentence using the word, and finish with an illustration. Try using these funny words in your conversations!
- ✚ **Hot Off the Presses:** Google "Read Write Think Printing Press" to take you directly to the printing press tool located at the www.readwritethink.org site. Use this online tool to create a newspaper, brochure, booklet, or flyer. Choose a layout, add content, and then print out your finished product. You might decide to create a newspaper featuring your summer activities, design a travel brochure about a place you've traveled to or a place you'd love to travel to, produce a "How To" booklet about your favorite hobby, or make a flyer to advertise your art show, talent show, puppet show, or concert (all mentioned above).



**Summer is a great time to
explore, imagine, and create.
Have Fun!!!**