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James B. Sanderlin PK-8 Sea Turtle Tidings

May 2019

At A Glance

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Mission:

Sanderlin IB World School is committed to teaching and learning with the brain and heart in mind. Our community of active, lifelong learners will use an inquiry approach through our challenging programs to become internationally-minded citizens.

Dear Sanderlin Sea Turtle Learning Community:

It is hard to believe that we are into the last few weeks of the school year and we have many special activities planned from PreK through 8th grade. Don't forget to log into FOCUS & ensure all phone, emergency phone, U.S. mail and email addresses are correct, as reminders of school-wide and grade level special events are communicated through School Messenger, which accesses FOCUS to send voicemail and email updates. Every family is allowed three phone numbers and two emails for School Messenger messages so add even a grandparent who is far away who might be interested in knowing what is happening in their grandchild's school life!

May 2nd is our annual PYP Student Led Conferences Night where elementary students share quality work and goals of the year with their parents. This is always a big event for your child, as having your undivided attention while he or she talks about progress & goals is so very important!

That same evening, our 5th graders will display their IB Exhibition Projects and 8th graders will present their Community Projects. At the end of elementary and middle school, IB students are asked to reflect about what they have learned in this IB school and to choose a "taking action" project that will help make the world a better place. Please visit both the 5th Grade Exhibition Projects and 8th grade Community Projects that evening and listen to research and celebrate their efforts. We are very proud of these students!

PTSA's Scholastic Book Fair opens April 25th and closes May 2nd. This is a great time to find books for summer reading. Please check it out 😊!

This is going to be an exciting end of the school year. I look forward to seeing you at some of our exciting events!

Sincerely,

Carrie L. Armstrong
Principal, Sanderlin PK-8 IB World School

Special Dates to Remember *

[+A more comprehensive testing dates list can be found on Page 6.](#)

May 1	Spring Book Fair, 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
May 2	LAST DAY for Spring Book Fair, 8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Student Led Conferences, 5th Grade Exhibition & 8th Grade Community Project Showcase, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
May 3	VPK field trip to Dell Holmes Park; 8th grade field trip to Universal Studios, 2:15 p.m.-2:00 a.m.
May 6-10	Staff Appreciation Week
May 6	Kdg. Field trip to Dell Holmes Park
May 9	1st grade field trip to Mahaffey Theater; 6th grade field trip to NOAA Hurricane Hangar
May 13	MYP Spring Musical, 6-8 p.m.
May 15	PTSA Board Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. in the HUB
May 15-19	PTSA's Spirit Nights at Jersey Mike's on 4th St N, 3-8 p.m.
May 16	5th grade field trip to Kennedy Space Center
May 17	2nd grade field trip to Dell Holmes Park
May 21	PYP/MYP Spring Chorus and PYP Strings Concert, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
May 22	Battle of the Books Celebration
May 23	VPK Picnic, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
May 24	Journalism End of Year Celebration, 2:45-4:15 p.m.
May 27	Memorial Day, no school for staff or students
May 28	8th grade Promotion Ceremony, 6-8 p.m.
May 29	Last day of school, dismissal at 12:45 p.m.; 5th grade promotion ceremony, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sanderlin Community Volunteer Opportunities:**FSA Testing**

is coming up and we will be in need of exam proctors to help assist our teachers and students. A sign up schedule will be coming soon!

5/17 - Pre K Graduation Ceremony:

Ms Cari Barnes and Ms Ashley Cooley are in need of the assistance of level 2 volunteers (that are not PreK parents) from 2:15-2:45pm.

Please contact Brenna Arch, archb@pcsb.org if you are available to assist.

We are in need of Lunch Pals and Mentors!

[Click Here for Important Testing Dates](#)



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Save This Date!

On May 2nd, from 6-8 p.m., Sanderlin will have a very busy campus with three important events!



- PYP students will be hosting their Student Led Conferences. This is an opportunity for students to show and educate parents & care givers what they are learning about, what they have accomplished this school year and what their goals are.
- 5th Grade Exhibition. Students are showcasing Exhibition projects, months-long projects that require reflection, research, planning, taking action, and presentation on a topic that is important to them and that can make a difference in their community and the world at large.
- 8th Grade Community Project. These projects are a culmination of reflection, research, planning, and taking acting on topics that affect & improve our St. Petersburg community. Students will be presenting their projects and results.

Each of these events meet the IB requirement.
Please plan to attend!

It's Not "Goodbye", It's "See You Later"

Ms. Mukherjee, our PYP IB Coordinator, is taking a year's-long professional leave of absence. She will be taking this time to "grow brain" by continuing her IB studies and professional development. Her intention is to return for the 2020-2021 school year.

We wish Ms. Mukherjee all the best in this coming year and will look forward to her rejoining our Sanderlin community.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK, May 6-10

This week we salute our outstanding IB staff for all their hard work and efforts throughout the school year. Children come first here at Sanderlin, and the role of every staff member makes a significant difference in our learning environment. I am honored and delighted to work with such a dedicated and skilled staff and send a salute to them all!

This is a great time for parents & students to express appreciation to those staff members. Please take a moment to send a message to a Sanderlin staff member to say "THANKS!"



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If your child has lost something, found items are placed in the following locations: on the steps at the Globe Theater, on the steps leading to the stage in the cafeteria, along the fence line leading to the PE court, or in the box in the front office. Students in grades 1-5 can also look around the recess field. Smaller items - jewelry, watches, headbands, eye glasses - are kept in the front office.

Items not picked up by the last day of school will be donated.

Last Day of School

The last day of school for students for the 2018-2019 school year is an early release day. Students will be released two hours earlier than the regular dismissal time.

Wednesday, May 29th - Last day of school ends at 12:45 p.m.!!! Please make arrangements now to ensure your child is picked up on time.

Make note: Bell Times are Changing

Our start and end times are changing! This change is mandated by the District and will go into effect for the 2019-2020 school year. School will START at 8:55 a.m. and END at 3:05 p.m.



Campus gates will open at 8:25 a.m. for early arrivals and those who need breakfast. Breakfast will stop being served at 8:45 a.m. The first (warning) bell will ring at 8:50 a.m. Students will be expected to be in their seats and ready to learn by the second bell at 8:55 a.m. All students will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m. Please plan ahead now for these changes.

Help our School and Make a Difference!

Become a either a Lunch Pal or Taking Stock in Children (TSIC) mentor and meet once a week for 30 minutes with one of our students who will greatly benefit from your support and encouragement.

You will be surprised to see the difference you can make in a child's life. Please also consider asking family and friends who might be able to lend their time as a Lunch Pal or Mentor to Sanderlin PK-8 school.

To become either a Lunch Pal or a Mentor, please contact our Family and Community Liaison, Brenna Arch: 727-552-1700, Ext 2302, or email archb@pcsb.org.

Thank you to all of our current Lunch Pals, Mentors and Volunteers. Our students and staff greatly appreciate your time and support!

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<p>Carrots</p> <p>Lesson Plans Available!</p>	<p>SCHOOL: APR. 11, 2019 - 10:45AM</p> <p>SCHOOL: APR. 12, 2019 - 10:45AM</p>

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Cafeteria Notes

Breakfast is served from 8:15-8:35 a.m. daily. The cafeteria staff stop serving at 8:35. Please ensure your child is here by 8:30 so there is time to go through the breakfast line.

Also, if any families have outstanding balances owed to the cafeteria, please get these in as soon as possible. You can make payments at myschoolbucks.com. If you are in need of assistance, please apply for meal benefits at myschoolapps.com.

Updated Lunch Policy

Spring has arrived! We would like to invite all families to take advantage of the beautiful weather by having lunch outside with their student. We are having Family Lunch Days every Friday for all parents and caregivers to come have lunch with their children outside in our first floor courtyard.

Level 2 volunteers can continue to come in any day and have lunch with their child. Designated tables will continue to be available in the cafeteria for families wishing to have lunch inside or in the event of inclement weather.

We are also requesting Level 2 volunteer assistance to help us maintain our safe campus procedures. If you are available during lunch times on Fridays to escort parents, grandparents and caregivers to the lunchroom and/or to sit outside with families, please sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4FACAA23ABF49-level> Please contact our Family & Community Liaison, Brenna Arch, at archb@pcsb.org with any questions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE CLINIC:

We have been seeing a large uptick in illnesses recently, particularly stomach viruses. Per District health guidelines for any illness, children must be free from vomiting, diarrhea, and fever (101 or higher) for 24 hours before they return to school.

This is critically important even if your child is feeling better because they may still be contagious. Sending them to school before a 24-hour waiting period increases the chances of other students and staff getting sick.

PLEASE adhere to these rules for optimal people and school wellness!

Does your child have medication in the clinic?

Any and all medication in the clinic needs to be picked up by a parent or guardian no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20th. All medications left will be properly disposed of after this time by the school nurse.

<p>Tea Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for Lunch & Afternoon Tea • Special Events by Reservation • Tea Trimmings Gift Shop <p>Located in Gulfport! 5325 Gulfport Boulevard Gulfport, Florida 33707 Maria@Sweet-TeaCelebrations.com ~ www.Sweet-TeaCelebrations.com</p>		<p>Birthday Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Hour Tea Party for Girls Ages 4-12 • Tea & Treats • Games & Prizes • Make & Take Craft Favor <p>Sweet-Tea Celebrations (727) 498-0590 COUPON</p>
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Important!

Parents: Please review this list of testing dates.

We ask that you do not schedule any appointments for your children that day, and that you be on time. Testing starts as soon as possible at the beginning of the day; no interruptions for late students or students needing to be dismissed will be allowed, no exceptions.

- May 1 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Session 1 FSA ELA
- May 2 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Session 2 FSA ELA; 7th grade Session 1 FSA ELA
- May 3 7th grade Session 2 FSA ELA
- May 7 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Session 1 Math
- May 8 3rd, 4th & 5th grade Session 2 Math; 6th, 7th & 8th grade Sessions 2 & 3 Math
- May 9 5th grade Session 1 Science; 8th grade Sessions 1 & 2 Science
- May 10 5th grade Session 2 Science
- May 13 8th grade Session 1 FSA ELA
- May 14 8th grade Session 2 FSA ELA
- May 15 Civics EOC
- May 16 Algebra 1 Session 1 EOC; Geometry Session 1 EOC
- May 17 Algebra 1 Session 2 EOC; Geometry Session 2 EOC
- May 22-28 MYP Final Exams
- May 29 Final Exam make-ups (last day of school)



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Visit their website at <https://squareup.com/store/sanderliniptsa> from May 2-24 to order a box of school supplies for the 2019-2020 school year. You can choose to purchase just the recommended Supplies List items, just the Wish List items, or both. See the website for costs.

Boxes will contain teacher-requested school supplies and will be delivered directly to your child's teacher just before the next school year starts.

Save yourself time & get exactly what the teachers need to make the 2019-2020 school year great!

Internationally minded learners are:



Knowledgeable



Being knowledgeable means to explore concepts, ideas and issues that have local and global significance. Knowledgeable individuals research and develop their understanding across a broad and balanced range of subjects. They find ways to learn more and investigate ideas in depth to understand them better.

Ways to be a Knowledgeable Individual:

- ◇ Ask meaningful questions and then take steps to research and investigate them, to find your own answers.
- ◇ Read and seek out multiple resources to learn about a topic.
- ◇ Share and explain new ideas, learning or strategies articulately.
- ◇ Use facts and evidence to support your thoughts.
- ◇ Explain and defend your thinking.
- ◇ Use strategies and resources to solve problems independently.
- ◇ Conduct experiments to test your theories.
- ◇ Know how to “Google it” and use the internet in responsible ways.
- ◇ Consider events, topics and ideas through multiple perspectives.
- ◇ Watch the news and show an interest in learning about current events.

How can parents help to develop students who are Knowledgeable at home?

- ◇ Set goals and take time to plan and strategize your action steps towards meeting them.
- ◇ Explain and defend your thinking and reasoning
- ◇ Show curiosity in learning about different perspectives on issues and topics.
- ◇ Engage in a healthy debate... and encourage your child to support their claims and ideas with evidence.
- ◇ Question ideas and systems to understand their importance, rather than blindly follow actions or directions.
- ◇ Manage your emotions and reactions mindfully
- ◇ Choose to watch documentaries, visit significant places/museums/people or actively seek new opportunities.



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Internationally minded learners are:



Balanced



Being balanced means to understand and manage the different aspects of our lives intellectual, physical, and emotional to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. Balanced individuals recognize their interdependence with other people and with the world around them.

Ways to be a Balanced Individual:

- ◇ Make informed and thoughtful choices to care for yourself (eating healthy foods, watching less TV, exercising, getting enough sleep)
- ◇ Take action to improve your physical, emotional, mental and social wellbeing.
- ◇ Show an interest in learning new skills or trying different extra-curricular activities.
- ◇ Meaningfully engage in developing a hobby or interest.
- ◇ Spend time alone without getting bored or restless.
- ◇ Be comfortable around others and still be true to yourself.
- ◇ Play, solve problems and interact with people of all ages.
- ◇ Be a good sport - appreciate others for their effort and skills.

How can parents help to develop students who are Balanced at home?

- ◇ Model a healthy lifestyle and prioritize healthy habits and behaviors.
- ◇ Be aware of your thoughts, words, and actions around your kids... manage your emotions and how you deal with challenges and frustrations.
- ◇ Model objectivity... always seek to understand different perspectives before arriving at a conclusion.
- ◇ Take time to enjoy and share your passions and interests with your children – do them together.
- ◇ Make time to LISTEN and TALK with your kids daily – help them share and process through their emotions!
- ◇ Spend time outdoors.



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Stay Away from the Summer Slide and Keep Learning all Summer Long!

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Pay attention to the questions they ask and the topics that seem to interest them and use those natural passions to get them reading, problem solving, experiencing and exploring. Over summer make time to read, read, read and have as many authentic experiences as you can! Whether you are visiting family, traveling to far and wide places, staying local or really reconnecting with your backyard... be a risk taker and seek out new experiences. Learn a new skill, try a new cuisine, create a craft, play outdoors or design a new invention! The more we expand

SAVE THE DATE

Student Led Conferences,

PYP Exhibition & MYP Community

Project Showcase

**Thursday,
May 2nd 2019
5:30 -7:30**



KUDOS**Sanderlin Shout Outs**

Congratulations to Elsa K. on receiving the *Yes, I Can!* award! This award recognizes children & youth with exceptionalities who have demonstrated their determination & achievements in multiple ways. Elsa has not let her dyslexia learning disability stop her from working hard to achieve academic excellence & success. She attended the awards ceremony on March 29th.

The following students received the Maria Edmonds Hispanic Achievement Award, given for Hispanic students achieving academic success. These students joined over 400 other students in the District on April 6th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Congratulations, Sea Turtles!

Ariana D., 4th grade
 Violet S., 4th grade
 Matthew H., 5th grade
 Sean S., 5th grade
 Owen C., 6th grade
 Mia D., 6th grade
 Aliza H., 6th grade
 Russell N., 7th grade

PRIDE Award Recipients

The following students received the Pinellas County Schools PRIDE awards. PRIDE is the Program to Recognize Initiative & Distinction in Education, which honors 5th & 8th grade students' outstanding academic achievements & commitments to learning. More than 500 students throughout the county were honored at an awards ceremony on April 8th at Ruth Eckerd Hall. Way to go!

5th Graders

Kenyata D., Writing
 Cameron H., Math
 Sarah R., Social Studies
 Sierra Staley, Science

8th Graders

Olivia D., Math
 Kalia E., World Languages
 Jeremiah F., Social Studies
 Emil S., Science
 Lillian S., Writing



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The following PYP students made the Honor Roll for the 3rd marking period.
Way to go!

Marissa A.
Elizabeth A.
Sean A.
Holden B.
Spencer B.
Addison B.
Taylor B.
Sophia B.
Kailynn C.
Jacory C.
Christian C.
Casey C.
Maya D.
Jackson D.
Aiden D.
Jordan D.
Athian E.
Celia E.
Shantel G.
Tristan G.

Ethan G.
Julian G.
Piper G.
Riley G.
Fletcher H.
Zariah H.
Amr H.
Mayah H.
Mateo I.
Walter J.
Tzevi J.
Jaidon J.
Aveon K.
Ty K.
Aidan K.
Elijah K.
Fionna K.
Rihana L.
Makayla M.
Nola M.

Dylan P.
Giang P.
Maximilian R.
Shelby R.
Rkende R.
Arianna R.
Bea R.
Myles S.
Makayla S.
Kai S.
McAllyster S.
Sierra S.
Yorel S.
Jarvis S.
Paige T.
Cayden T.
Tiago W.
Deangelo W.
Lauren W.
Michael Z.

The following PYP students made Principal's List for the 3rd marking period.
Fantastic job!

Isla A.
Benjamin B.
Blake B.
Joel B.
Natalie C.
Stella C.
Kyto D.
Dean D.
Ariana D.
Ellah D.
Beckri E.
Briley E.
Garrett F.
Devin F.

Taka F.
Justin G.
Bryce G.
Cruz G.
Jake H.
Jada H.
Cameron H.
Omar H.
Matthew H.
Jared J.
Lauren J.
Aleksandra J.
Jack K.
Shione K.

Logan M.
Kaci N.
Prisha P.
Evelyn P.
Lachlyn P.
Sarah R.
Henry R.
Sean S.
Sa'rai S.
Preston T.
Jolie W.
Sierra Z.

These MYP students have made Honor Roll for the 3rd marking period.
Super work!

Maya A.
 Kieran A.
 Maria A.
 Lauren A.
 John B.
 A'nya B.
 Jamy B.
 Cindy B.
 Owen C.
 Autumn C.
 Kianna C.
 Alejandra C.
 Jabari C.
 Mia D.
 Matias D.
 Cole E.
 Jasmine E.
 Aiden E.
 Kenzy F.
 Luke F.
 Davis F.
 Gregory F.
 Jeremiah F.

Rayne G.
 Tessa G.
 Isaac G.
 Areah G.
 Tyler G.
 Keyanna G.
 Luke G.
 Aliza H.
 Betina H.
 Emi H.
 Ishmaela H.
 Luca I.
 Alex K.
 Allison K.
 Isobel K.
 Julia K.
 Elsa K.
 Macey M.
 Za'Naisha M.
 Declan M.
 Maria M.
 Keegan M.
 Chloe O.

Julianna P.
 Sadie P.
 Gavin R.
 Amanda R.
 Natalie R.
 Amanda S.
 Claire S.
 Eric S.
 Mobinu S.
 Jefferson S.
 Mahi S.
 Jaxon S.
 Tessa S.
 Robert T.
 Haley T.
 Ashton T.
 Angelina V.
 Nicole V.
 Sage W.
 Alya W.
 Addison W.
 Jonah W.
 Willow W.

These MYP students have made Dean's List for the 3rd marking period.
High fives, Sea Turtles!

Violet A.
 Norah C.
 Olivia D.
 Kalia E.
 Charles E.
 Miyo F.

Jenann K.
 Jacklyn M.
 Sananda M.
 Nathalia N.
 Marian P.
 Emersen P.

Josie P.
 Momita R.
 Emil S.
 Lillian S.
 Ena T.
 Mary W.



Stay Away from the Summer Slide and Keep Learning all Summer Long!

School is almost out for summer, but that doesn't mean we want learning to stop. The summer slide is a legitimate problem. Take a look at some of the figures:

While academic skills are essential, summer time is also ideal for growing socially, emotionally and physically balanced learners. So... before you head out and stock up on workbooks (Please don't!), or watch your kids turn into couch potatoes or video game junkies try out some of these ideas to keep your child curious, engaged, and learning throughout the summer. Just remember, one of the best ways to keep your child challenged and busy over the summer is to encourage their natural curiosity. Pay attention to the questions they ask and the topics that seem to interest them and use those natural passions to get them reading, problem solving, experiencing and exploring.

SUMMER LEARNING FUN

1. **Read, Read, Read!**

Celebrate your child when they sit down and read. Make it a fun thing to do. You could stamp a chart every time you catch your child reading without being told to. Maybe they can earn a special treat for every 10 stamps they earn. Choose a book that is above your child's reading level, and you read it to them. This gives you a chance to discuss some of the rich vocabulary authors use. Encourage your child to keep a journal listing all of the books they read over the summer. Have them use free iPad and iOS Android Apps like (ComicBook!, PicCollage, Book Creator, Adobe Voice App, EasyBlog Jr.) to create a book report, a summary, or an advertisement for a book that they have read or their own adaptation of a favorite story!

2. **Be an INQUIRER... Research your Curiosities!**

What is your child interested in? What gets them excited? What do they wonder about? Really encourage their **WHY?** and **HOW?** and **WHAT?** questions. Help them develop that curiosity. Take time to help your child research the questions they have about the world. If they see a spider outside take time to research the unique characteristics of the spider, where it lives, who its predators are, etc. If your child wonders how a car runs, you could help them investigate engines and the role gas plays in helping a car run. Perhaps have them look into new ways people are finding to run engines. Again, have your child use one of the iPad apps to **share** their new knowledge.



SOURCES

- http://www.summerlearning.org/?page=now_the_facts
- <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-loss>
- <http://www.onlinecollege.org/2012/05/15/10-critical-facts-everyone-should-know-about-summer-learning-loss/>
- <http://www.littlescholarlic.com/blog/summer-learning-loss-facts/>

3. **Grow your Communicator's VOCABULARY Repertoire!**

Another great way to keep your child learning is to help them pay attention to new and unknown words that they see and hear. Encourage your child to create a Word Jar that holds all of the new and interesting words they encounter over the summer. They could add the definition of the word, antonyms and synonyms, or even a cartoon showing the meaning of the word. You could also have a Word of the Day as a family. The zanier the word, the better. You could have a family challenge to see who used the word the most throughout the day. The goal is to develop a love of words in your child.

4. **Nurture THINKERS and Problem Solving!**

Get your child involved in organic problem solving experiences. Cooking is a great way to get kids measuring and dealing with fractions. If you need to double a recipe, all the better. Party Planning is another way to get your child problem solving. Tell your child that you are expecting 38 people for the party and are serving hamburgers. They sell the buns in packs of 8. Have him or her figure out how many packages of buns you need. If you are making quarter pound burgers, how many pounds of ground beef do you need. You can use this same concept for plates, cups, napkins, etc. This way you are making your child your helper (which they love) and are also sneaking in some authentic real-world problem solving skills and SO MUCH MATH!

5. **Game Night!**

I don't know about you, but I love Family Game Night! This is a great way to connect as a family and to learn at the same time. There are some great games out there. Here are just a few suggestions: Uno, Blokus, Qwirkle, Mancala, Dizios, Square Up, Pictionary, Cranium, Taboo, Heads Up etc. There are really great games being created. [Mindware](http://Mindware.com) is a great site for other ideas.

6. **Museums and other Field Trips!**

Take your child to visit the awesome museums and attractions in the Tampa Bay Area. Let them see and explore what our great city has to offer and challenge them to ask questions. Whether you are visiting family, traveling to far and wide places, staying local or really reconnecting with your backyard... be a risk taker and seek out new experiences. Learn a new skill, try a new cuisine, create a craft! The more we expand our horizons and learn new perspectives the more open minded we become.

7. **Science Fun!**

Kids love science experiments and they naturally lead to some deep questions about the world and how it works. Start with the questions kids are curious about then "Google" some fun home experiments to do with your kids. You might have your child start by making a hypothesis that they can test out. Have them compare their prediction to the results. Have your child take pictures throughout the experiment. They can use an app like Educreations or Piccollage to showcase the steps and results of their experiment.

Remember whatever the circumstances, always be on the lookout for experiences that will help children make connections and cultivate life skills — and no matter how simple, personal interactions go a long way.

Have a curiously WONDER-filled and restful Summer!



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