

June 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The school year has come to a close! On behalf of the staff at Berry School, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Our goal is to improve student achievement and develop “*Respectful, On Task, Always Safe, and Kind*” young people, and your assistance in this evolving process is critical. Our collaboration has enabled our students to continue to make progress. Summer is here and we ask you to work with your child to complete the Summer Reading and Math activities along with the Physical Education initiative. All students in the Rockwell and Berry Schools are expected to participate in these three programs. Please return the forms and activities for these programs during the first week of school.

Governor Malloy has challenged all of the students in the state to read as many books as they can. Schools with high participation rates will be acknowledged and I would like our students to continue to receive recognition for their efforts. They are devouring books in the classrooms and there is no reason to believe that they will stop during the summer with a little encouragement from you. Please read to and with your child over the summer months.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is proud to announce the Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge: *Math All Around Us*. To assist your children in math learning during the summer, the Summer Math Challenge is offering a free math skills program based on grade level standards. Targeted for students who have just completed grades 1-8, it is designed to help retain skills. Families enroll online and receive daily emails starting on June 19, 2017 with fun activities and links to educational resources. Similar to the Governor’s Reading Challenge, all information and printable materials can be found at the CSDE. The link to the web page is <http://www.ct.gov/sde/summermathchallenge>. Your Mighty Math bags are also excellent resources! On the Berry/Rockwell/Johnson School websites, under “Summer Work,” you will also find a comprehensive list of websites, recommended apps, and some suggested activities. If you do not have access to the Internet in your home, the Bethel Public Library is a great resource.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish all of you a wonderful summer full of family fun activities and we look forward to seeing you on August 30, 2017. Have a wonderful summer with your family!

Sincerely yours,

Danielle Legnard
Principal