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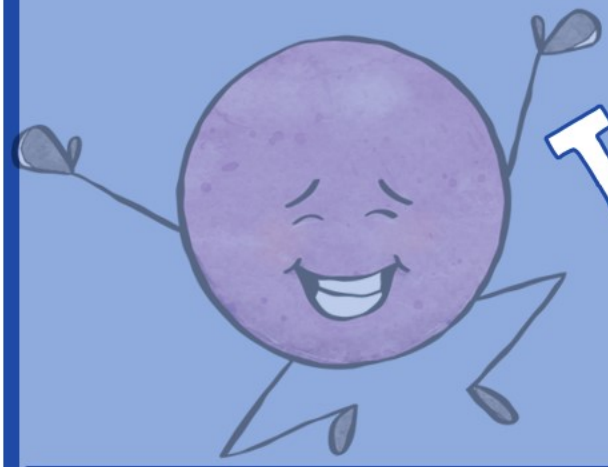

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AUTHOR'S NOTES:

My name is Brittany, and I wanted to introduce myself.

I taught 6th grade for seventeen (17) years in both an elementary and middle school environment. I co-taught in 5th grade for one year as well.

Although my first love is social studies, I also have a strong affinity for math and enjoy ELA. When I teach, I love to use interactive notebooks or anything that allows students to get hands-on with their learning, dig into the material, and make it their own. I also enjoy getting to know my students outside of the classroom and participated as a softball coach, an NJHS and yearbook advisor, led juggling club, and more.

When not in school, I am an avid sports fan and a true tomboy. I will catch almost any sport, but I love my Green Bay Packers and watching soccer most of all. I also am an animal lover, and we always have a zoo in our house. I enjoy photography, although I consider it a work in progress, & reading and Legos are also hobbies of mine. I've been married for over 25 years to my high school sweetheart, Jeff, and we have two grown children.

I hope you'll reach out and connect with me. I'd love to hear from you!

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

As we prepare to say goodbye and head our separate ways for the summer, we wanted to address something we teachers call the "summer slide." It's the backward slide students take in their learning every summer as their brains disengage from daily classroom routines and lessons.

We'd love to see you make sure your child stays engaged, learning, and growing throughout the summer to combat this yearly slide. Some simple but powerful ways to accomplish this are:

1. Check out books on CD or download them on the Kindle App on your phone and listen to them in the car while you're driving. Discuss the books, characters, plot lines, and more as you get involved.
2. Have older students start a blog or podcast to review books read or movies watched. Blogs can be created for free on Blogger, and Anchor by Spotify is a great way to learn podcasting in the simplest way possible.
3. Play games like Payday, Monopoly, and Life and have the child be the banker to work on their money skills.
4. Grab a book like Awesome Outdoor Science Experiments for Kids and have them choose one experiment per week to complete
5. Visit museums, zoos, factories, and other sites and practice reading maps, take turns reading the signs, discuss the implications of the material, and more.
6. Find a place to volunteer once a week, such as a humane society, food pantry, or historical society.
7. Point out positive, negative, and neutral consequences to decisions and actions as they come up. Use these as teachable moments without lecturing and allow choices when possible. A person returned a lost dog; he didn't get a money reward but felt good because he helped reunite a child and his best friend. We have been eating healthy at home, so you may choose a dessert tonight if you would like. Our neighbor left his bike in his front yard overnight, and someone stole it.

But we have more than seven ways to do this; we actually have a list of 40 ways this can be accomplished. Just visit **this fantastic blog post** at **https://thecoloradoclassroom.com/2022/05/prevent-the-summer-slide.html** to find the complete list. We hope you can find a few to fit into your summer plans and stop the summer slide from happening to your child.

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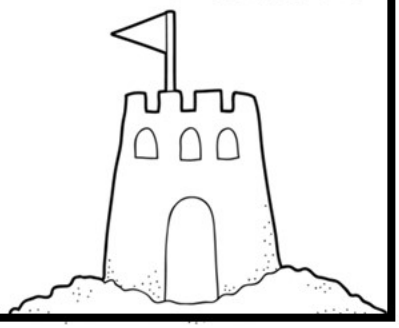

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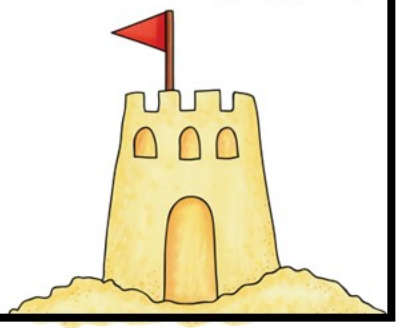

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