



June 2026  
Lake Ann  
Elementary  
Newsletter

By all means enjoy summer, but avoid the **Summer Slide**

The "**summer slide**" refers to the decline in academic skills and knowledge that occurs over summer vacation. Studies show that children in grades 3-5 can lose up to 20% of reading gains and 27% of math gains without practice, with low-income students and those with learning disabilities impacted most.

Because preventing summer learning loss involves keeping kids mentally engaged while still letting them enjoy their break, try these evidence-backed strategies:

- **Incorporate Play into Math:** Use real-world activities to practice math, such as measuring ingredients for baking, counting money while shopping, or playing board/card games that require strategy.
- **Enroll in Local Summer Programs:** Keep kids socially and academically active with structured programs or local school and church camps.
- **Utilize Free Reading Challenges:** Encourage daily reading by signing children up for summer library reading programs. Try to continue our schoolwide **Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)**, for 10 minutes daily.
- **Encourage Creative Learning:** Activities like arts, crafts, and educational apps support fine motor skill development and keep young brains active without feeling like traditional homework.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade historical museum and Drake School	2	3 Talent Show 2:30	4 1st Grade Birdhouses 9:30-12:00  5 <sup>th</sup> grade graduation	5 Almira Part All school trip	6
7	8	9 WOG day and ice cream truck visit	10 Early Release – 11:50 am	11	12	13
14	15 Husky Robotics Summer Camp	16 Husky Robotics Summer Camp	17 Husky Robotics Summer Camp	18 Husky Robotics Summer Camp	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 FUNdamental Basketball Camp	26 FUNdamental Basketball Camp	27 FUNdamental Basketball Camp
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## Upcoming Summer Events:

June 15-18, 9am-1pm Husky Robotics VEXIQ Summer Camp – Contact Mr. Alderman for a link to register: [aldermanm@benzieschools.net](mailto:aldermanm@benzieschools.net)

June 25-27 – FUNdamental Basketball Camp – Frankfort high School girls and boys, \$60 pre-registration, \$80 registration day of. Ben Miller 910-785-0391

July 13-17 and Aug 3-7 – Swim Lessons Benzie Wellness + Aquatic Center call BWAC 231-383-8050 or email [BenzieWAC@gmail.com](mailto:BenzieWAC@gmail.com) with questions.