

# Roberto Clemente School No. 8

An Expeditionary Learning School

## The BATTER'S BOX... June 2014

A family's connection to our school and upcoming activities and events. For more information, contact your child's teacher or visit our website at <http://rcsdk12.org/8>



### The Principal's Seat...

Dear RC8 Families,

The end of the school year is full of opportunities to reflect upon and celebrate the many accomplishments of our students here at Roberto Clemente School 8! We are so proud of the hard work that has stretched through the entire year. Students have worked on Common Core Curriculum, Expeditions have taken place at each grade level, and Town Hall meetings have focused on school wide Design Principles. Summer is a well-deserved break from the structure and demands of the school year. However, it is important that children continue to practice skills throughout the summer. Contained in this newsletter are websites and other ideas to help foster learning in July and August. We look forward to next year and continuing to work together as a TEAM.

Have a safe, peaceful, and relaxing summer. Thank you for all that you do to support learning at RC8!

Ms. Sickles, Principal



### Design Principle for June



## The Having of Wonderful Ideas

*"I have wonderful ideas."*



### June Activities and Events

Pre K Moving Up Ceremonies

June 19th

9:15 for morning students

12:45pm for afternoon students

Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony

June 25th

8:45am

8th Grade Moving Up

Ceremony

June 25th

5:30pm



National Safety Month

Great Outdoors Month

6/14 Flag Day

6/15 Father's Day

# Summer Learning

There are a variety of activities and resources available for parents and students to access and use during the summer.

## Family Reading:

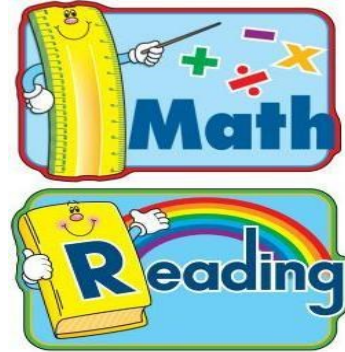
Research shows that reading skill decreases when not practiced over time.

Set aside a daily reading time for all family members.

Seeing adults read can be a good motivator for kids.

Allow children to pick books regularly from the library or bookstore.

Parents can, and should, still monitor reading selections, but having the choice can encourage more reading. Make trips to the library a regular family activity.



## Math Fact Practice:

Math fact understanding is essential for success. Flashcards can be found at a variety of stores, including dollar stores. Practicing facts a few times a week for 15–20 minutes can make a huge difference for kids. This can be a fun, family activity.

## Summer Journaling:

Encourage your child to keep a journal of their activities this summer. Set aside time each day for writing.

## Learn while Traveling:

As you go places, get out the map and talk with your kids about where you are going, routes used to get there, and amount of gas it will take to travel. Reading road signs is a great way to show practical use of reading and common sight words.

## Educational Websites:

Educational computer games for kids can be both fun and mentally engaging

<http://www.brainpop.com>

<http://www.discoveryeducation.com>

<http://www.starfall.com>

<http://www.abcy.com>

<http://www.funbrain.com>



**City of Rochester Summer Food for Kids Program**  
**Offered This Summer at R-Centers in Your Neighborhood**

**June 30 - Aug. 15**

**Breakfast is served at 8:30-9:30, Lunch at 12:00-1:00**

**Call 428-7872 for a location close to your home**

**Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!**