

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Families of Goodwin:

It is hard for me to believe that an entire year has gone by since I came to Goodwin. The year has just flown by for me as I am sure it has for you as well. This has been one of the greater years in my 26 years in education. I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to be with your children, you, and this incredibly gifted staff. I wish you all the best for your summer. Remember to rest, relax and laugh often because time does fly by so quickly. Summer will be over before you know it. I look forward to seeing you again next year and I wish the best to those parents of students who will enter middle school or will be leaving us for new chapters in their lives.

More Good News from Goodwin:

- Our Mansfield Suzuki Tour had their performance at Goodwin on June 3rd. They were tremendous! The musical ability of our string instrumentalists was impressive to say the least. Congratulations to all on a wonderful concert.
- Goodwin's children showcased their talent with an exciting concert from around the world! Each grade level learned songs in various languages as they traveled from the USA to various countries and sang in that countries language. At the same time, children's art work was displayed throughout the building for all to see and enjoy as part of the art show of the evening. Congratulations to **Mrs. Anger** and **Ms. Whiteley** for all their hard work with our children throughout the year and in these events.
- I was able to be a part of our 4th graders trip to the MMS ropes course. Our children were remarkable in their abilities of strength, endurance and agility. They were fearless in their desire to climb high and try new adventures at the same time as reinforcing their learning on safety. Kudos to **Mr. Dean** for all his dedication to our students and the outstanding physical education program at Goodwin. Thank you to **Mr. Goemans** and **Mrs. Peirsman** for sharing their expertise and time!

Warmly, Susan

Helpful Home/School Connections: for the Summer:

- Between school, errands, and activities, families spend a lot of time on the go. Here are some ideas for "thinking games". "Would you rather?" Offer two options and ask which they prefer and why. "Would you rather live near the beach or mountains?" "What doesn't belong?" Take turns naming items and asking the others to explain which is the odd one out and why. There can be more than one right answer. Owl, ostrich, and eagle could be ostrich because it doesn't fly or owl because it hunts at night.

Upcoming Events

6/8-6/12 Book Swap

6/8-Grade 2 Pen Pal Picnic-Mansfield Hollow

6/10 Field Day

6/11 BOE Meeting

6/15-Rain date for Field Day

6/16-Water Slide Day

6/18 4rth Grade Promotion Ceremony 7-8

6/18-4rth Grade Class Day

6/19 Last day for Pre-k

6/22 -Town Meeting 9:30

6/22 -Last day for students/early dismissal 12:45, Please contact office by email if you plan on picking up your child-gnoffice@mansfieldct.org-give students name grade and teacher in your request.