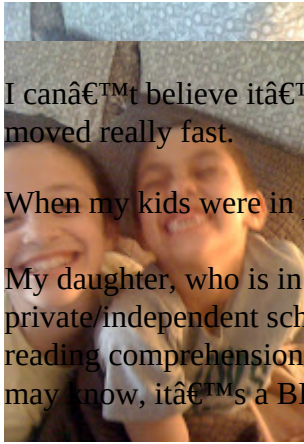


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Year End Is Almost Here and Summer Is Near

Description



I can't believe it's almost summer vacation. Since my kids started school at The Willows School, time has moved really fast.

When my kids were in preschool, everything seemed very s-l-o-w. Now, I can barely keep up!

My daughter, who is in third grade, will take the ERB test soon (this is the standardized test required for all private/independent school students in third or fourth grade). It's sort of like a mini SAT with math and reading comprehension sections. The kids are tested over several days and results are sent to each family. As you may know, it's a BIG DEAL.

A few nights ago, my husband took the kids to The Willows School's "Family Science Night". The kids had a chance to see hands-on science learning in action with activities presented by teachers across the grade levels. Highlights included an activity featuring some of the Rube Goldberg-style machine constructions from the year, which illustrate the principles of force and motion; a demonstration of student-designed, mousetrap-powered cars; activities with digital microscopes and the hand-held ProScopes; and a mysterious DNA decoding activity!

In first grade, the kids are learning about careers, jobs, professions. Parents have been coming to class to talk to the kids about their jobs. My son's favorite was when the dad who owns a hair salon came to class to cut and style one of the teacher's hair! My son was thrilled when he got to sweep up the hair just like in a real salon.

Next week, my daughter will head to El Capitan for two-day field trip with the Willows School's 3rd Grade. I admit, I'm a bit nervous since she's never been on a two-night trip without me (I didn't sign up to chaperone the trip, I'm not much of a camper). But, last year the second grade went on an overnight field trip to Sea World and she had a blast.

Fast forward to summer, which will be filled with camp, camp and more camp. UCLA Basketball Camp and Iverbe Sports Camp & Iverbe Soccer Camp for my son. My daughter and several of her friends will attend Marlborough School's summer program then my daughter will do a three week tennis camp. FYI: Iverbe Summer Camp (the amazing summer camp at The Willows School) just announced a junior camp for 3-4 year olds. www.iverbesportscamp.com

That's all for now, I'm getting ready to take my daughter shopping at Target for her camping trip.

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