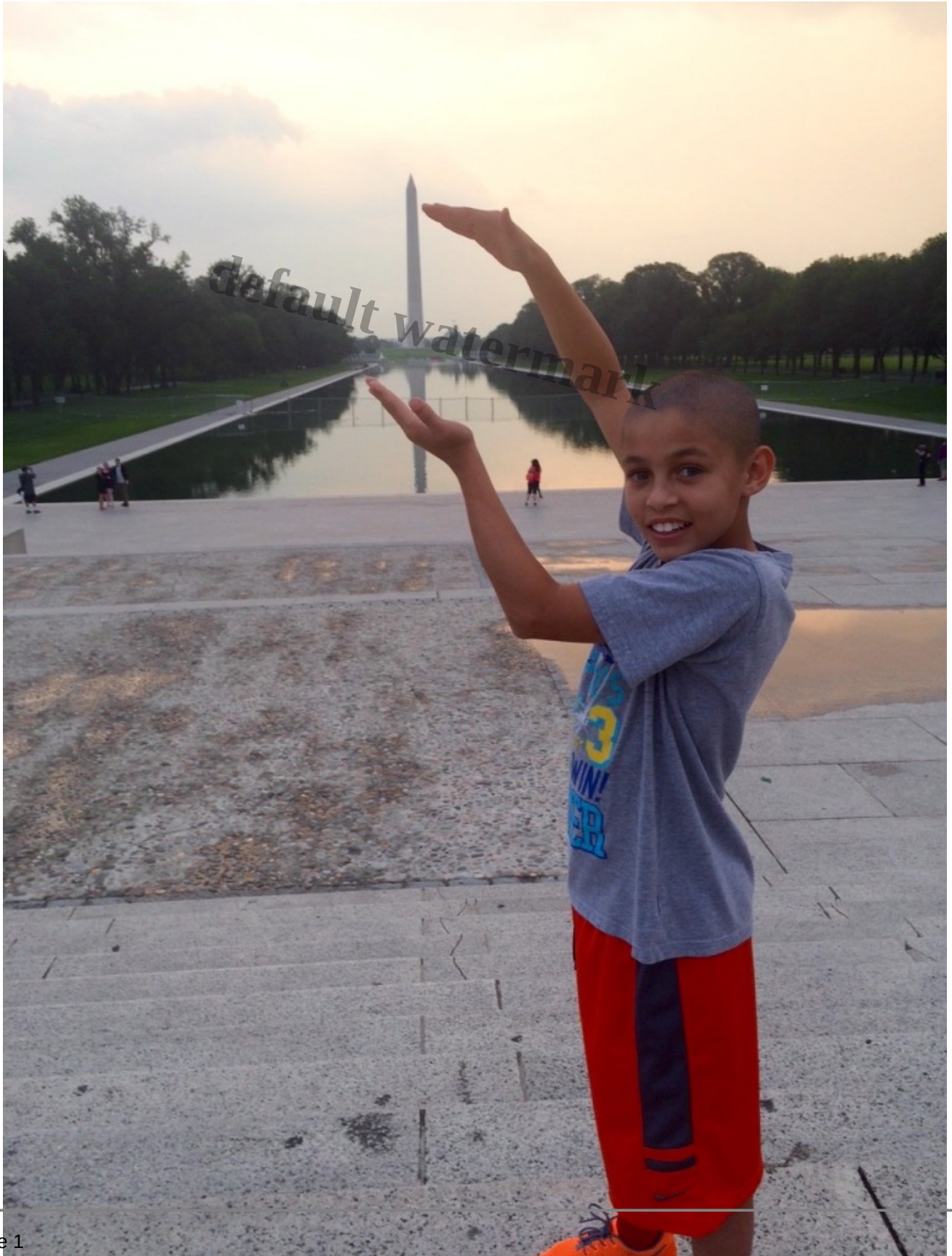


Weekend Links: Happy 4th of July!

Description



Washington Monument, D.C. July, 2015

Happy July 4th weekend! This is my favorite holiday because it reminds me of what it means to be American. It's also perfect for a long, lazy summer weekend where we can host friends for a BBQ and swimming. We visited family and friends last earlier this week in Washington D.C. on what has become an annual trip. What a fun city! so many things to see and do.

Here are some interesting links to browse from around the Web:

This is one of the most powerful pieces I've read about [one mom's search for a school in L.A.](#) Wow. Definitely a must-read! (*Dame Magazine*)

Why would a New York school application ask [how the kid was delivered](#)? I would refuse to answer the question. Whatever happened to privacy? (*NYT Motherlode*)

To trust your "parenting instincts" or not? [two pieces with different perspectives](#) tackle this issue. I've always relied on a combination of my own maternal instincts and the advice of parents I respect. In the spring, I definitely relied more heavily on friends and family more than ever before to get me through a rough parenting year "I mean really rough" like make me cry and knock me flat "kind of year. (*Brain, Child*)

If you're hearing terms like ["project based learning"](#) on L.A. private school tours, but need more information check out *Educopia*. Also, tons of interesting articles on education trends and what's happening in the classroom. (*Edutopia*)

A nice shout-out to [Viewpoint Basketball](#). Coach Prince and his team are well-deserving of the accolades. (*Los Angeles Times*)

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