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## **Vacations**

### **Extended holidays / vacations**

We know that family trips are wonderful opportunities for children! Sometimes, those trips occur during school instructional times. South Corman Park School staff have developed a framework to assist you in planning your trip so you can minimize disruptions to your child's education and maximize the learning opportunities that travel can offer!

1. Out of school experiences are valuable to children's learning. They offer opportunities to interact with the world around them and to experience different environments. Your family trip is like an ultimate field trip! Enjoy learning with your child about your travel destination:
  - Culture and history
  - Language
  - Museums and art galleries
  - Animal habitats
  - Climate
  - Geography and maps
  - Local agriculture and industry
  - Currency and time skills
  - Non-fiction reading strategies
  - Travel journaling
  - And so on!
2. There are aspects of learning that teachers ensure are incorporated into every school day. We hope while you're on vacation, your child will have daily opportunities to read, write, create and explore, and be socially and physically active.
3. Your child's teacher will provide you with information regarding the themes, core skills and content your child will miss while they're away. It is difficult to send home a science experiment, drama activity, class discussion, group project, etc., but you could watch an online video, find an interesting library book, or conduct a family discussion that may give your child background knowledge to return to class ready to participate in classroom content.
4. Written assignments, workbooks and worksheets are a small portion of our school day, making it difficult to provide ahead of time. While your child is absent, we will collect those assignments and send a package of work home upon their return.

We hope you enjoy your family vacation! Take lots of pictures and we look forward to you sharing your awesome memories with us when you return!