



LOKER SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I know you are concerned about your child's education and want to keep him/her up to date while you are away from school. Your request for work shows your sincere interest. However, when children are out for unscheduled vacations, it is not possible for the staff to create the exact assignments that your child will miss. Most lessons require instruction and participation in the whole activity to be truly valuable. To that end, it is always helpful for children to do the following types of tasks while away to enrich their skills in various areas. Your choice depends on grade level and the type of trip you are taking:

- Continue reading nightly from whatever book he/she is reading. This could be augmented with reading about the place you are visiting, particular sights of interest, historical significance, etc.
- Keep a daily picture journal about the trip, including some places visited and people seen. Discuss how lifestyles, traditions and cultures differ from what is familiar.
- Collect postcards, travel brochures, etc.; take pictures (or draw some) to include in a scrapbook or travelogue of the trip, include labels to explain what has been collected and who the people are. Share the finished product with the class on return.
- Use maps to track the routes of places visited; notice the towns, states, and countries. Notice and talk about different languages and/or accents.
- Make a map of the places visited.
- Practice mental math problems, rhyming or word games while traveling between places.
- Read the local newspapers.

Thank you again for your inquiry. I hope these suggestions are helpful and you are able to incorporate some of them into your time away from school. Happy and safe travels!

Best,

Brian Jones
Principal