

June 11, 2018

Dear 2nd grade parents,

With summer just around the corner, I'm sure many of you have made vacation plans, but I'd like to share with you a list of fun day trips that you and your child may enjoy together. As citizens of the Washington, DC area, we are in a unique position to access an abundance of valuable educational activities. The more opportunities your child is exposed to, the more knowledgeable and intelligent he/she will become especially if they detect enthusiasm and interest on your part. I sincerely hope you take advantage of what this area has to offer.

Enjoy your summer ☺

Mrs. Altemus



I. Museums

Smithsonian (Open every day except Christmas (10am-5:30pm)
These museums often post a calendar of films and children's activities that are free and open to the public.

- a. African Art Museum**
- b. Air and Space Museum**
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- d. American Art and Portrait Gallery (11:30-7pm)**
- e. American Indian Museum**
- f. Anacostia Community Museum**
- g. Building Zone at the National Building Museum**
- h. Freer and Sackler Galleries (Asian Art)**
- i. Hirschhorn Museum (Modern Art)/Sculpture Garden**

- j. Museum of the Bible**
- k. National Gallery of Art**
- l. National Geographic Museum**
- m. National Museum of African American History & Culture**
- n. National Geographic Museum**
- o. Natural History Museum**
- p. U.S. Botanic Garden**
- q. U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing**

Newseum-World's most interactive museum

Holocaust Museum-Recommended for older students

Hoover FBI Building: wonderful, insightful tour of the crime lab

Quantico FBI Academy- "Hogan's Alley"

White House

Spy Museum-interactive and fun for ages 8 and up

National Zoo

Luray Cavern's

Calvert Cliffs (Fossil Hunting)

National Archives

Mount Vernon-Home of George Washington

Monticello-Home of Thomas Jefferson

Baltimore Aquarium

Port Discovery (Baltimore)

Maryland Science Center (Baltimore)

Pentagon

College Park Aviation Museum

Dinosaur Park (Laurel, MD)

Greenbelt Museum

Montpelier Mansion (Laurel)

II. Battlefields/Cemeteries/Monuments

These can be highly educational, especially if parents know some of the history before the trip and can teach the children the importance and significance of the sites.

Antietam-Civil War

Fredericksburg-Civil War

Gettysburg-Civil War

Arlington Cemetery (pick out a notable grave site and pay respects or homage to some of the notable veterans. The eternal flame is always a good one)

Korean War

Navy Memorial

Richmond-One time home of the Confederate States of America

Soldier's Home-Abraham Lincoln's Cottage

Vietnam Memorial

Washington Monument

World War II Memorial

III. Religious Trips

Georgetown University (oldest Catholic University)

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, DC)

St. Matthew's Cathedral (seat of the Archbishop)

The Seton Shrine (Emmitsburg, MD)

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