



# Valley Forge Elementary School

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Dear Valley Forge Families,

The end is near, and it is the perfect time to think about this past school year and how much our Valley Forge Students have blossomed and grown. What a joy it has been to watch them flourish before our eyes, physically, socially, emotionally and academically. Our dedicated teachers have worked hard to develop lessons and activities to ensure students' success. As our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students get ready to move on to the middle school, we would like to wish them the best of luck. We are confident that they are well-prepared and will continue building on the foundations that have been laid at VFE.

We are fortunate to have such wonderful families that make up our Valley Forge Elementary community. It has been my pleasure working with the children and parents. Our wonderful PTO supports and enriches our students' lives by sponsoring the Book Fair, Scary Gym, Cultural Arts Events, the Spring Fair, Family Socials and much more. By being present in our school this year and by guiding and supporting our school efforts at home, you, the families of VFES, are showing our students the value of education. We value the partnership we have formed and see it as crucial in helping our students succeed. Thank you for all you did this year to make the school year fulfilling and memorable.

As the school year ends, it is important to remember that learning does not stop. We are already actively planning for next year to ensure the academic success of your children and you can help. Please enjoy your summer. Fill it with fun times and great memories. Please make education a part of the fun and the memories. Continue to read with and to your children. Consider weekly visits to the library to keep reading exciting. Have your children write postcards when you are on vacation and have them keep a summer journal. The list at the link below provides examples of some good books students could read over the summer <https://pyrca.wikispaces.com/2017-18+Nominated+Titles> . Work as much math into your daily routine as you can. Have your children work with money, practice time and do simple problems like helping you double a recipe. There are many board games that ask children to count and add and these can be great family fun. Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are provided with a math packet that can be completed over the summer and turned in for a prize at the beginning of the 17-18 school year. Answers for the math packets can be found on our website [www.tesd.net/vfe](http://www.tesd.net/vfe) . Rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade students have access to summer math work through the VFMS website. If you are lucky enough to travel or even in your own backyard you can find science and social studies lessons to teach. Encourage your children's curiosity and support them in practicing their skills. In this way, you too will be planning for a great 2017-2018 school year for your child. Thank you for sharing your children with us this school year, and best wishes for a safe and wonderful summer. See you in the fall!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Becky Wills'.

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