

**Dear Middle School Students,**

**Summer is here--and that means fun-filled days, and a long break from school! But just because school's out for the summer, doesn't mean you have to stop learning and forget the valuable skills that you have learned during the year.**

**Here is a sheet with some fun summer writing exercises that will keep your minds active and engaged. Please choose 4 topics to write about. Each topic you choose should contain at least 250 words either typed or handwritten.**

**Please return your assignments to me by the by Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Assignments can also be emailed to me directly. If you email the assignment please include your full name and grade. These assignments will count towards your 1st quarter grade. If you have any questions please email me at [carney@basilicaschool.com](mailto:carney@basilicaschool.com).**

**I hope all of you have a wonderful summer. See you in August.**

**Be Safe,  
Mrs. Carney**



1. Does your family have different rules or routines during the summer? Explain what changes at home and what stays the same.
2. Describe your ideal summer day from start to finish. Use as much detail as you can.
3. If you could take one part of summer vacation and make it last all year long, which part would you choose? Why?
4. Would you rather go swimming in the ocean or in a pool? Why?
5. If summer were a person, what type of personality would he or she have?
6. Describe summer using each of your five senses. What does summer look like? Sound like? Taste like? Feel like? Smell like?
7. Write a story about a summer that never ends.
8. Is summer your favorite season? Why or why not? How does it compare to other parts of the year?
9. If you could travel anywhere in the world this summer, where would you want to go? Why? What would you do there?
10. Write about the different phases of summer (June, July, August or beginning, middle, and end) and explain what you like about each one.
11. What is one thing you could do this summer to make yourself a better student in the fall? How would this help you to improve?
12. Think of one thing you can commit to doing this summer to make yourself a better person. Start doing it and then write about your experience in a reflective journal entry.
13. Would you rather spend a fun day visiting lots of exciting places or enjoy time hanging out at home? Why?
14. Do you spend any time studying over the summer? Why or why not?
15. Who are you most excited to spend time with this summer? What will you do together?
16. Write a poem describing the way summer makes you feel.
17. Are you more likely to be found playing indoors or outdoors this summer? What activities do you do in each place?

18. Do you get to stay up late during the summer? Why or why not?
19. What is your favorite summer treat? What makes it so delicious?
20. Would you rather spend a summer day at the park, at the beach, or on vacation? Why? What would you do there?
21. Write a story about a summer in which it inexplicably snows every day.
22. What is the most interesting thing you've ever done over summer vacation?
23. What is your favorite thing to do with friends in the summer? What makes this activity so fun?
24. List three things you'd like to accomplish this summer. How will you make sure they get done?
25. What is your favorite outdoor summer activity?
26. What is the best way to spend the first day of summer?
27. What is your happiest summer memory?
28. Write a "day-in-the-life" profile about yourself and your typical summer day.
29. Do you prefer summer mornings, afternoons, or nights? Why? What is special about each one?
30. Write a story about a group of kids who have an exciting summer adventure.
31. Does time move slower in summer or during the school year? Why?
32. What do you feel when summer is almost over? Are you sad, or do you feel excited to go back to school and start a brand new year?

1. Does summer feel different than other seasons to you? Why or why not?
2. Do you ever miss going to school during the summer? Why or why not?
3. Does your family have any summer traditions? What makes them special?
4. July is National Ice Cream Month. How will you be celebrating this important holiday?
5. Do you prefer having a single three-month long summer vacation, or would you rather have the time away from school broken up more frequently throughout the year? Why?



6. Imagine that you and your friends are going to build the world's largest sandcastle. What kinds of rooms would you put inside? What cool features would the castle have?
7. Pretend that you are a tour guide for someone who is visiting your city for the first time. What would you do to show them around?
8. Would you rather spend time indoors or outdoors during the summer? Why?
9. What part of summer do you look forward to the most every year? Why?
10. Have you ever gone to summer camp? What did you like about it? If not, what type of summer camp would you want to attend?
11. Go outside and spend 15 minutes thinking about what you can see, smell, hear, feel, and taste during the summer. Then, write about your favorite ways to experience these senses.
12. What is your favorite summer holiday? What do you like most about it?
13. Write a story about three kids who get to experience a never-ending summer.
14. Do your parents let you stay up later during the summer? Why or why not? If so, what do you like to do with the extra time?
15. If you could travel anywhere in the world this summer, where would you go? What would you do there?
16. Write about your favorite 4<sup>th</sup> of July memory. What made that holiday so special?
17. Do you ever spend time studying during the summer? What do you try to learn?
18. Would you rather be way too hot or way too cold? Why?
19. Go outside to your backyard and pretend that you are an explorer. Try to examine everything up close and from a different perspective. Then, come back inside and write about what you learned.
20. During the summer, how often do you get to see your friends from school?
21. What is your favorite thing to do with your friends during the summer?
22. Write about three of your favorite things to do around town during the summer. Then, see if your parents will take you to one of them and write about your experience when you return home.
23. What is your favorite thing about the warmer weather?
24. Write about your favorite summer activity (such as going to the beach, setting off fireworks, or getting treats from the ice cream truck). What do you love most about it?
25. What is the coolest place you've ever visited? What do you love about it?
26. Write a poem about your thoughts on the sun. What do you appreciate about the sun? When is it simply too hot?

27. How do you think people stayed cool during the summer before air conditioning and fans were invented? Would you have ever wanted to live during this time? Why or why not?
28. Have you ever gone on a camping trip? If so, what was the best part? If not, do you think you would enjoy being out in the wilderness? Why or why not?
29. Write about a time when your family went to a festival or carnival during the summer. What do you remember the most?
30. If you could only choose one activity to do every single day during summer, what would you pick? Why?