Dear Summer Story Campers 2020,

June 1, 2020

This year, we are unfortunately not able to physically be together for Summer Story Camp. But, we have worked out an exciting way to still be together! We have created a brand new Summer Story Camp Website that not only allows you to participate fully in the week that you are registered for, but also allows you to participate in some of the other activities from the three other weeks!!

Here is how Summer Story Camp 2020 is going to work:

1. Campers will still register for one week of camp (they will receive a learning bag to go with that week):

   Week 1 – July 6–July 10  (Topic: Acadia National Park)
   Week 2 – July 13–July 17  (Topic: State of Maine)
   Week 3 – July 20, July 24  (Topic: Ocean Life)
   Week 4 – August 3 - August 7  (Topic: Solar System)

2. Campers will pick up learning bags at the Southwest Harbor Public Library any day during the week prior to their registered week (ex. week of June 29th pick up for Story Camp Week #1)

   **Learning bags will include items such as books about the topic, puzzles, coloring activities, craft kits, collage materials, writer’s notebook, pencils, crayons, markers, etc.

3. Campers will be connected to all programming through the Summer Story Camp website. During each week of camp, campers will be able to participate in read alouds, writing lessons, art workshops, musical performances, and so much more!

   Through the story camp website, families will be able to share photos, email with Story Camp teachers, and view all activities. This will be an opportunity for not only the campers to connect, but for families to continue to support their children in fun learning activities all summer long.

   We will communicate each week of story camp with campers and families through the website, our Summer Story Facebook page and by email. Parents are welcome to reach out during the hours of 9am-1pm to ask questions, share pictures of their child or their child’s work, share suggestions, or to find more resources connected to the topic of the week.

   We are going to launch our Summer Story Camp website on Monday, June 22nd! There will be some special videos from our staff, a reading challenge, and some fun introduction activities. We will share the website with families, by sending the link in an email, posting a link on the Southwest Harbor Public Library website and posting it on our Summer Story Camp Facebook page.

   Please know that our original goal was to serve all 60 of our campers with an in person collaborative learning environment, but for the safety of our campers, staff and community we feel that we need to hold off on any in-person camp until Summer of 2021. We hope that our virtual camp will help your child continue to grow, enjoy learning and above all have fun with literature!

   If you have any questions, please email me. My email address is cdagraca@mdirss.org.

   Happily,
   Crystal DaGraca - Summer Story Camp Director