

Long Summer Days

Seasons



CONNECT to the sensory experiences provided by long summer days. Describe how the warm sun feels on your face. What smells and seasonal foods are abundant this time of year?

Explore why summer days are long and warm in the Northern Hemisphere while the Southern Hemisphere experiences winter.



In June, it is winter south of the equator and summer north of the equator. This is when the Sun shines directly on the Northern Hemisphere and indirectly on the Southern Hemisphere.

Credit: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The Earth's orbit and tilted angle as it moves around the Sun make summer days long and warm/hot. In June, July, and August the Northern Hemisphere receives more direct sunlight and for a longer duration due to the tilt of the Earth, which causes summer. In these same months, the Southern Hemisphere is tilted away from the sun and experiences the colder and shorter days of winter. Did you know that Christmas picnics on the beach are popular in Australia and New Zealand?



RESPOND to how longer summer days impact a region's produce growth. During the summer, when the North Pole is tilted toward the sun, Alaska experiences significantly longer periods of daylight, with some regions receiving 22 hours of light. Regions closer to the Arctic Circle, such as Utqiagvik, Alaska, experience 24 hours of daylight between mid-May and early August. Imagine trying to fall asleep with the bright sun shining! In this region, root vegetables, brassicas, and hearty greens benefit from the extended hours of sunlight which causes this produce to grow larger and taste sweeter.



CREATE a sketch that shows the impact of

the Earth's position in either the Northern or Southern Hemisphere. You might draw how the summer sun impacts vegetable growth or outdoor play late into the evening hours in Alaska. Or you might draw a family enjoying winter sports in Australia in June.

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PRESENT your sketch to family and friends and explain the scene you drew and how it is possible to experience summer or winter in June, depending on what hemisphere you live in.



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Summer Poem

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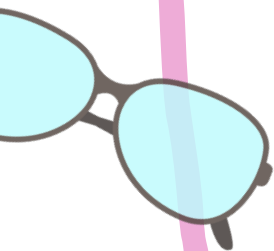
RESPOND to summer's warm weather and long evenings by thinking about the events you enjoy most during this special season. Jot down phrases that describe the scenes that stand out as summer favorites.

IN THE SHAPES, WRITE
A FEW THINGS ABOUT
SUMMER THAT YOU ENJOY.



CREATE a summer poem using the words or phrases you noted. Add an artistic border or illustration. Poems can rhyme or be free form. Some poems are short and paint a picture with just a few phrases and creative punctuation. Poems can be serious or humorous, but they all express thoughts with carefully chosen words.

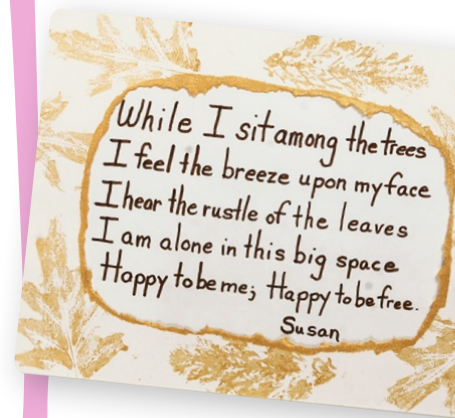
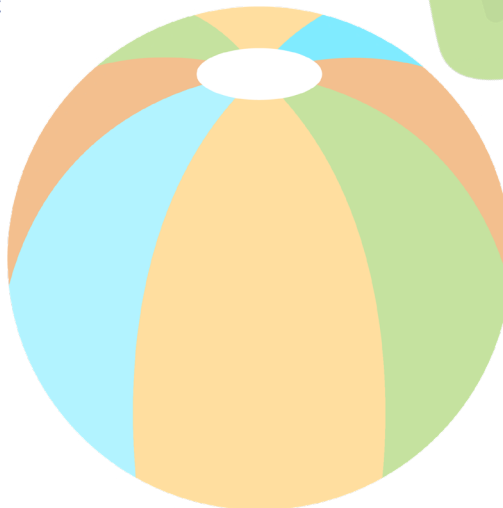
USE SOME OF YOUR SUMMER FAVORITES TO CREATE A POEM.



PRESENT your poem to friends or family members. Display it so that you and others can be inspired by summer's highlights and continue to create more illustrated poems throughout the season.



CONNECT your work with the editing process. Poets usually revise and edit their writing several times before it is finalized. How can editing help you better express a mood or describe a more specific experience that could inspire others? How does reexamining your work help you articulate the special relationship you have with summer?



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Summer Safety

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RESPOND to the idea that summer activities need to be safe - for you, your friends and family, and the environment. Consider how drawing a summer scene could lead you to think about what would be needed to make summer activities safe.



CREATE a picture of one of the places where you enjoy playing or exploring during the summer. Include writing or visuals in the scene that show safety factors.



PRESENT your art to others and have a conversation about safety. Imagine you and your audience are walking through the scene. Have them look at your artwork and identify safety risks, if any, and areas that indicate safety precautions are being taken.



CONNECT safety practices, preparations, and rules to avoiding and handling incidents or accidents. Why is checking the overall environment and maintaining or repairing equipment important? How do people's behaviors impact the safety in summer experiences? Why is it important to think about safety before an incident occurs? How can art help people think about safety before they dive into summer?



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