



Kim's "Can you believe it is May?" Newsletter

May 2011

Summer Employment Program

The summer work program is starting soon. There is still a little time left for students to contact me if they are interested in the summer employment program.

This is an opportunity to work for a 6 week period making \$8.00 an hour.

I will be scheduling appointments to meet with me to discuss the summer program, select a sponsor and sign all the paperwork. If you see your name below, I already have you on the list to work.

Kalah W, James B, Ashley B, Lyndsey W, Nicholas M, David R, Josi D, Brittany C, Lucinda B, Tracy J, Amanda P, Kassie M, Courtney S, Danielle O, Ashley M, Tiffany W, Heather M, Nikki B, Jameska M, Savanna M, Joanna V, Lindsee T.



This day marks the Mexican Army's victory over the French. Eat some Mexican food today!



Many people believe that if you find a penny face up, it might be lucky and you should pick it up. If you find a penny face down, you should leave it on the ground.



Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who have died serving in the U.S. Military.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Mother Goose Day Nicholas M B-Day	2 It is almost the end of school year! Kassie M B- Day	3 National Teacher Day...tell your teacher "Thanks"	4 Adelle's Birthday...I can't believe she is only 22	5 The Freedom 7 space capsule took the first American, Alan Shepard, to space 1961	6 Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film	7 Kentucky Derby (1 st Derby held on May 17, 1875)
8 	9 First newspaper cartoon in the US 1754	10 Clean Up Your Room Day! Will you find something amazingly gross?	11 Cook a meal for your family	12 George Carlin B-Day "I put a dollar in the change machine. Nothing changed"	13 7 th annual Nelsonville music festival Robert Pattinsons B-Day (24)	14 National Dance Like a Chicken Day. Book Sale at Athens Public Library
15 Why not start a garden?	16 The first US nickel, called the "Shield Nickel" was minted in 1866.	17 1978: Charlie Chaplin's stolen body found . His body had been missing for 11 weeks	18 Mount St Helens, a volcano that had long been dormant erupted-1980	19 Circus Day. The Ringling Bros Circus opened 1884	20 Amelia Earhart began the first solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic Ocean 1932	21 International Street Fair. Uptown Athens Paul R B-Day
22 First public US library opened its doors (1803)	23 National Penny Day.	24 Websites for research papers www.awesomelibrary.com & www.kidsclick.com	25 Clean out your closet..get ready for summer	26 Sally Ride B-Day. First American woman and youngest person to be sent into space.	27 Incentive checks should be sent. ..will you get one?	28 Go to the Athens Farmers Market
29 JFK's B-Day (1917)	30 Memorial Day..The Work Station is closed	31 Call Kim with ideas for June newsletter				

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the early days when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.



A special thanks to all the parents that returned the survey/questionnaire. It has given me a few ideas on how to improve the program!

Something to think about!

The continents names all end with the same letter in which they start.

The word racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left or right or right to left.

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Wah, Wah, Wah, Wah, Shh...Shhh....Ugh!- Lecture

I forgot what it was like to have a baby in the house, but all the memories came flooding back this past week when my daughter had to bring home “Janice”, the real life baby school project. It was quite entertaining seeing my daughter hustle from her Facebook page to get the bottle for Janice, to hear her moan at 2 a.m. when Janice awoke with a dirty diaper and to hear her say “Mom, this is really tough, can you help?” This project is an ever so small glimpse into what it is really like to be a teenage parent. Schools and TV shows try their best to show the real challenges, hard decisions and tough consequences of teen pregnancy and parenting. But unlike real life, we are able to turn off the TV and forget about how we just felt watching the teenager struggle. Never think it can’t happen to you, because it can. I became pregnant when I was 17 years old and this was (and has been) the hardest job I ever had. I didn’t realize the reality of motherhood: waking every 2 hours to feed my son, taking ½ hour just to get ready for a quick trip to the store, dropping my friends off at the airport for the “senior trip” we had planned since we were in middle school, let alone the expense. I conquered a lot of obstacles along the way, and with the love and support from my family I made it. Think of three goals that you wish to accomplish in the next five years. How can becoming a teen parent interfere with your goals? Becoming a teen parent is not the end of the world, but it does place unnecessary struggles that a teenager should not have to handle. Here is a little advice. 1. Find a GOOD circle of friends. We are all influenced by our friends, so find friends that will influence you to do good things. 2. Talk with your parents. Talking with your parents allows you to consider their concerns, gain their support about your choices and help to understand their expectations of you. 3. Reflect on your goals for the future. Understanding the importance of accomplishing your future goals can help you avoid risky behavior that can lead to pregnancy and hurt your future.

