

Dear ECCS Families,

As we close our school year, we invite your family to explore a few simple and meaningful studies over the summer as **America celebrates its 250th birthday**. In true Charlotte Mason spirit, we are encouraging students to continue their learning through living ideas while reflecting on God's goodness and the many blessings He has bestowed on our country. Our hope is that students will grow in wonder, gratitude, and awareness of God's goodness and blessings. Consider this a gentle invitation to explore, observe, and delight, right here in the USA!

This Summer Work is in lieu of a Summer Narration Journal. We consider this a joyful opportunity to cultivate wonder, strengthen habits of attention, neatness and order, and time management as well as time to recognize God's hand in history, nature, and culture.

Please bring completed book review/ report and choice selection to Meet and Greet August 3rd. All projects will be put on display in ECCS halls at the beginning of the school year. Please do your best, neatest work. We plan to have a USA Birthday Celebration at the beginning of the year, at which we will share and celebrate all creative endeavors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Questad.

Great American Reads- **expected from every student.** Read "living books" about notable Americans (You may want to consult our Honor's Reading List for ideas). Practice narration. Talk about character, courage, and perseverance. Consider how God works through individuals in history.

Rising K-2 students: Read a picture book or non-fiction book about America or a famous American.

- Write a Book Review (document available on ECCS website). Younger students may dictate to parents.

Rising 3-5 students: Read a biography about an American that played an important role in our history. (A list of possible titles on ECCS website,)

- Write a Book Review (document available on ECCS website).

Additionally, students are to **choose one** from the opportunities below:

Handicrafts- needle work, wood art, weaving, candle making, carving...

- Create a piece that celebrates America's birthday

Hymn Study - Learn and enjoy a few beloved American hymns: *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, *America the Beautiful*, *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *God Bless America*. Sing together throughout the summer. Discuss the words and their meaning. Notice how they point us to gratitude and God's grace.

- Illustrate the hymn lyrics or a stanza using the medium of your choice.
- What are some new vocabulary words you learn from this song?

Art work

- Draw a portrait of a famous American
- Draw a great American landscape or a great American landmark.



Turn over for more...

Nature Study- Choose an American symbol in nature, flora or fauna, such as the bald eagle, white tailed deer, American bison, Oak tree, American Beaver

- Observe
- Sketch and label
- Record a few thoughts: What does this show about God as Creator?

Timeline of American Ingenuity-Create a timeline of American inventions, discoveries, or important moments.

- Add drawings or short narrations
- Include people, inventions, or events your child finds interesting
- Reflect on how these serve others and show creativity.

American Symbol Study- select an American symbol –bald eagle, Liberty Bell, Statue of Liberty, Declaration of Independence...

- Answer these questions: Why was this symbol chosen for our country? When? By Whom? How does it represent American ideals or ideas? Where can this be seen today? OR,
- Create a piece of art with an American symbol prominent in the piece.



May your summer be filled with delight in His works—
in nature, in history, and in the story of our nation.

With gratitude and anticipation of celebrating together in August,

ECCS K-5 Team

“Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.” — Psalm 111:2