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## Hail to Bermuda

It is summer time in Bermuda and what better way for our children to explore what Bermuda has to offer than to concentrate on all that is Bermudian. This month the students will explore all facets of life in Bermuda.

In Week One – the island of Bermuda. Where is it on a map? What types of things will you find in Bermuda? What do the houses look like? Students will be exposed to Bermudian songs and music by the Bermuda Regiment gombey and the Bermuda flag.

In Week Two – Characteristics of Bermuda. Students will explore the Bermuda landscape, tourism and cultures, types of transportation and Bermuda traditions.

In Week Three – Summer fun in Bermuda. What types of things do we do here in Bermuda in the summer time? Students will learn about St. George's and Dockyard and develop skills with water play. Water play is good for physical, mental and socio-emotional growth. It helps to improve hand-eye coordination and promotes the learning of basic science concepts such as floating and sinking.

In Week Four – Bermuda Sports. Cup Match is getting closer. Students will learn about one of our national sports – cricket. They will also be exposed to sailing and boating. Ferry rides will further enhance this concept.



## New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Delilah Campbell – Baby Onions

Christian Galan – Baby Onions

## Upcoming Birthdays

Nolan Devison – 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Asa Carr – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Justin Yeo – 17<sup>th</sup> July

Isla Banfield – 26<sup>th</sup> July



## Upcoming Events

Open House – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July – Parent Teacher Conference at 6:00 pm

Administrative Days – 30<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012. The school will be closed and will reopen on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2012.

## Proud to Be Bermudian!

"From the white roof tops  
Pink and blue bus stops  
In my Berty shorts  
With my knee high socks  
And I'm in the Berty flow  
As people smile and say hello..."

....Hear the choir in the distance singing  
praises  
Undeniably  
I'm so proud to be....Bermudian!"

## Summer Safety Tips

Summer is a time to get outdoors and, for many families, visit new destinations and public places. Although it's something we hope will never happen, it's important to teach our children about getting lost and using caution around strangers.

**Here are a few tips for teaching children to be safe during the summer.**

### Getting Lost

Whether you're going on a trip to the beach, an amusement park, or off to the great outdoors, teach children what to do if they get lost.

- If you go camping, hiking, or walking through trails in the woods, give your children a whistle on a string to hang around their necks.
- If they become lost, teach them to "hug a tree" and start whistling. Sound carries a long way, and this can help you locate them.
- The National Safety Council suggests parents carry photos of their children, select a meeting place ahead of time in case someone gets lost, and instruct children to go to a park employee if they are in trouble.
- Some parents tell their young children that if they are lost they should try to find other families with young children to help them.

### Stranger Safety

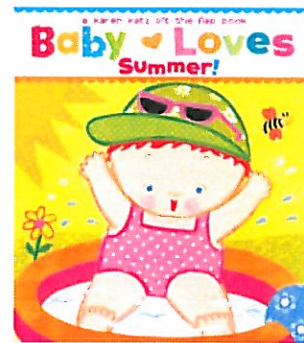
- Teach your children about stranger safety and review with them periodically. For example, children should not talk to unfamiliar adults when they are alone at a park, mall, or other public place. Teach your children to yell or go to a safe spot such as a friend's house or a nearby store if they feel they're in danger.

Whether your family is a roller coaster crew or cross-country campers, be safe and have fun. It'll be September before you know it.



Join the Scholastic Summer Challenge - free online program designed to motivate and excite your children around reading books this summer. Log on to [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer) for more details.

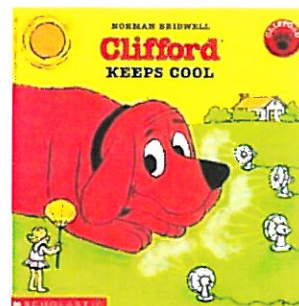
Here are some book suggestions:



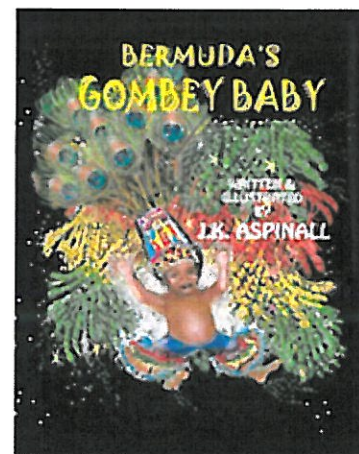
Baby Loves Summer by Karen Katz



Seasons by Scholastics



Clifford Keeps Cool by Norman Bridwell



Bermuda's Gombey Baby by J.K. Aspinall