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Hello Parents,

And now we are done...what do I say now. It's been an amazing year. We really have completed so many projects and so much great work...but now we are done. I know a few are coming to STEM camps, so we will continue some of the project work there, but for this class...we are at the end. I have a tough time each year with the end. I find the last weeks stressful because I hate the time crunch especially when I have more projects to do. But, as I told you at the parent meeting at the beginning of the year...time is always my greatest enemy...180 days isn't quite enough.

I also enjoy the end because I take time to reflect as I work through the final report cards and I look at so much data across the entire year...I see how much each student has progressed and grown. Some it's visible with the pictures in their cumulative files how much they have changed through their time at Cumberland. In fact, this is the final third grade to finish at Cumberland...next year we will known as West Lafayette Elementary School (WLES).

At the end of the day I gave each student a small parting gift. A couple links of a chain made into a fidget. This was given along with a short talk. It's a talk about a chain and its links. While whole the chain moves together and with a combined purpose in the same direction. But, when a chain is broken and the links are separated they can head in different directions and have different goals. Our class has been that chain...and now it's time to break apart and head our own ways.



This is a normal chain of events (mini pun). We become links in another chain. We find a new direction and a new purpose. But, I wanted to leave each of them with a piece of our chain.

Each year I start with a new chain. That chain stays together through the year. It's typically unnoticeable...just one more thing in my busy classroom...but at the end of the year this chain is broken...and becomes something else.

Assignments page: ...no more assignments...

BOOK PROJECTS: ...no more book projects...







It's SummerTime!!!

