

*Dear Parent,*

*The staff of Elbow Valley does not provide work in advance for your child to do while on vacation. We do, however, offer several suggestions that may enrich your child's travelling experience and continue to strengthen academic skills. Upon your child's return, he/she would be most welcome to share some of what they've learned with the class.*

#### Science

- Study the animals of the area: life cycles, habitat, adaptations, environmental conditions
- Observe the flora and fauna of the region

#### Social Studies

- Compare and contrast the area with your home community
- Visit a museum
- Research information on your vacation spot
- Plot the trip on a map

#### Math

- Build sand castles incorporating geometric shapes
- Create and solve word problems
- Count and handle the local currency
- Keep track of the number of kilometers you've travelled
- Keep a record of the daily temperatures and compare with home temperatures

#### Language Learning

- Keep a journal or diary of your trip
- Read a few good books for pleasure, perhaps of local folklore and legends
- Learn a few words in the local language
- Interview people from the area
- Read brochures about the area

- Write postcards to the class (\_\_\_\_\_, c/o Elbow Valley Elementary, 244209 Range Road 33, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T3A 3W8)
- Prepare a talk about the trip for the class
- Watch a local news program and record the 5 W's of local issues

#### Art

- Take photos of your trip
- Sketch drawings

#### Physical Education

- Walk, run, swim, bike ride, ski, skate, - be active!
- Learn some local games to teach the class

#### Health

- Make note of the local vegetables, fruits and other foods and dishes
- Keep track of all the different jobs people do to get you to and from your destination.
- Observe the local living conditions

*Wishing you a wonderful, safe, fun holiday and looking forward to your return.*

*The Elbow Valley Staff*