



MOTHER WIT

CELEBRATE JUNE !

- National Dairy Month
- National Candy Month
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month
- National Clay Week 6/13-6/19
- National Crayon Day 6/7
- National Butterfly Day 6/19
- FATHER's DAY 6/20



You teach, You praise
 You encourage, You work
 You dream, You laugh
 You live

....but most of all, You love.
 ...and that's the best thing any *MOTHER* can do.

Peace.....

It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.



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The 6 R's

It is now June and we are almost half way through another year. **How is your year going so far?** I don't know about you, but my year isn't going exactly the way that I had planned, but the good thing is that I still have almost 6 months left to make it a better year.

I am always reading "stuff", making myself little notes on slips of paper and leaving them around for... well, I'm not sure. Anyway, the other day I came across a little stickie note with the following words written down: renew, redefine, rethink, re-arrange, reconsider, rediscover.

I figured since I was trying to get 2010 back on track, why not use these words to help me out:

- ◇ **Renew**-Now is a good time to renew my goal to make 2010 a great year. **How about you?**
- ◇ **Redefine/Rethink**-Perhaps the reason I'm struggling is because I need to start over, I need to redefine/rethink what I want to accomplish this year. **Do you need to redefine what you want to accomplish this year?**
- ◇ **Re-arrange**- If I rearrange my desk, my closet, my nightstand will that get me back on track? Or maybe I just need to **clean** my desk, my closet, my nightstand (smile). **Is it just me or do you need to do some re-arranging as well?**
- ◇ **Reconsider**-Have you ever made a decision and then later you wonder if you need to reconsider that decision? I think I'll ponder some of my decisions over the next month to see if I should change my mind...after all, that is a woman's prerogative.
- ◇ **Rediscover**-What am I passionate about? I probably need to rediscover my passion. **What are you passionate about?**

There is still plenty of time to set some goals, to make 2010 one of our best years ever. We can do it!!! We still have about 6 months to make it happen, so let's get started.....again.

In the Spotlight

Full Name: Pamela

Current Residence: Crest Hill, Illinois

Family Includes: A loving husband and two beautiful daughters, ages 13 and 17

Birthdate: November 18th

Favorite Color: I like all colors, no favorite.

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving and Christmas because it gives me time to spend with my family.

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Pralines and Cream

Favorite Breakfast Food: Pancakes

Would you rather have a manicure or a pedicure: Pedicure

Do you live in the moment, dwell in the past, or dream about the future: Live in the moment

Would you prefer to read a book or listen to one on tape: Read a book

You're going on vacation, would you rather fly, drive or ride the train: Fly

Favorite day of the week: Friday

What one thing would you like to own that you don't already own: My house

Which would you rather do-sing in front of a large audience or sit in the front seat on a roller coaster: Sit in the front seat on a roller coaster

Which would you prefer to watch-a drama or a comedy: Watch a drama

Favorite Magazine: I don't have a favorite magazine

What would be your dream job: Start a group home day care

What's something new you would like to try this year: Go fishing

Hang

Just hang. Ignore the list of things to do, ignore the piles and boxes of unfinished business, ignore the fact that everybody is rushing around to get things done. Hang out with yourself; hang out with a friend. Hang around the house on a busy day. Hang out at the library. When you feel the darkness come over you at every turn, hang in there and know that this, too, shall pass. Take your necklaces out of that box and hang them where you can see them every day. Hang as many bird feeders in as many trees and bushes as you can. Hang bells in the bathroom. Hang your favorite pictures all over everywhere, hang red ribbons from the branches of a tree, and a tiny angel over your door.

365 Words of Well-Being for Women
by Rachel Snyder

Magnificent Moms

- ◆ **Congratulations** to my 79 year old mom, Myrna Brady, who returned to school after 50 years. She will be graduating from Governor State University located in University Park, Illinois. She has earned her Bachelors degree in Arts and Sciences. (Our family is sooo proud of her.)
- ◆ **Hats off** to Anne Lindley who started a new program at her school. The program is called *Tail Waggin Tutors* through Therapy Dog International. Mandy, a golden retriever/corgi mix, and Anne got certified and now do a reading program at school and the public library. The at risk readers come down and read out loud to Mandy. The program has really helped boost the self esteem and reading skills of the students.



When the mother returned from the grocery store, her small son pulled out the box of animal crackers that he had begged for. Then he spread the animal shaped crackers all over the kitchen counter.

"What are you doing?" his mom asked.

"The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken," the boy explained. "I'm looking for the seal."

Rest in Peace
My Sweet Friend
Wonderful wife
Amazing mom

Alicia A. Evans
1973-2010

Avoid the Summer Slide!! Stop the Brain Drain!!

Kid's Corner

The U.S. Department of Education reports that, on average, children are set back by 25% in reading skills each summer. This phenomenon is so well known that educators even have a special name for it – either "the summer slide" or "summer brain drain." Teachers often invest the first two months of every school year focusing on lesson plans that help students regain skills they lost over the summer.



- ◆ **2010 Summer Activities Challenge (www.education.com)**- Last year over 2500 families participated in the challenge. This year the winning family will win a Funjet Vacations family getaway to Cancun with all-inclusive accommodations at the RIU Cancun for four nights. Complete 10 activities by August 29 to complete the challenge and be entered for the Grand Prize.
- ◆ **Barnes & Noble Summer Reading (www.barnesandnoble.com)**- Kids read any 8 books, track them in the Passport to Summer Reading and will receive a free book when they turn their passport in at a local Barnes and Noble.
- ◆ **Time 4 Learning (www.time4learning.com/summer)** - Time 4 Learning is a technology based online program that teaches preschool to eighth grade curriculum using a combination of multimedia lessons, interactive activities and reinforcing worksheets. Parents use Time 4 Learning in the summer for academic skill maintenance, review of the previous years curriculum, and preparation for the upcoming school year. (Note: There is a monthly cost for each child.)
- ◆ **Local Library**– Check with your local library for their schedule of free activities for children and summer events. They often include puppet shows, story times, arts and crafts sessions, live theater, reading challenges, and book festivals. They are just about always free and can be lots of fun.
- ◆ **Enjoy the Arts with Target (www.target.com)**-Target invites you and your family to see more of the arts while spending less. As part of their efforts to support education in the communities they serve, Target sponsors free or reduced-price admission to arts and cultural events nationwide.
- ◆ **Going to the Movies (www.marcustheaters.com)**-Keep it cool with Marcus Theatres® this summer! On Wednesdays and Thursdays-June 23rd through August 12th, view your favorite family flicks for just \$2.75 in honor of their 75th Anniversary! Popcorn is included, so grab the family and head to your nearest participating Marcus Theatre® location!
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**- A popular and widely available summer activity for children provides age-appropriate games, activities, and snacks centered on a Bible theme or curriculum. VBS programs are considered a community outreach opportunity, and children do not need to be a member of the church to attend. The programs are usually one week in length.VBS is an inexpensive summer activity; most programs are free to attend or require only a small supply fee.

Enjoy your summer!!!!

June's To Do List

- ◆ *Learn from those around you*
- ◆ *Start over*
- ◆ *Get a new haircut*
- ◆ *Help someone today*
- ◆ *Lavish yourself with attention*
- ◆ *Visit a farmer's market*

Moms Wanting to Mind Their Own Business

Resources for "Mompreneurs"

Work It Mom! (<http://www.workitmom.com/essentials/detail/5327/starting-your-own-business>)

My Mommy Biz (<http://www.mymommybiz.com/>)

Startup Nation (<http://www.startupnation.com/>)

Mompreneurs Online (<http://www.mompreneursonline.com/>)

The Girl's Guide to Starting Your Own Business-Candid Advice, Frank Talk and True Stories for the Successful Entrepreneur by Caitlin Friedman/Kimberly Yorio

What's Stopping You?: Shatter the 9 Most Common Myths Keeping You from Starting Your Own Business by Bruce R. Barringer

